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Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To Our trusty and well-beloved William Haworth Holl, Esquire, one of Our Counsel; Richard Edward Turner, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law; and Francis Henry Jeune, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, greeting :

Whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, have, by a Joint Address, humbly represented unto Us that the Right Honourable Sir Robert Lush, Knight, one of the Justices of the High Court of Justice, and Sir Henry Manisty, Knight, one of the Justices of the High Court of Justice, being two of the Judges appointed for the Trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to "The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868," and "The Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Act, 1879," have reported to the House of Commons that there was reason to believe that corrupt practices had extensively prevailed at the last election for the Borough of Sandwich, and have humbly prayed that We will be graciously pleased to cause inquiry to be made pursuant to the powers of the Act of Parliament passed in the sixteenth year of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to provide for more effectual inquiry into the existence of Corrupt Practices at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament," by the appointing of you the said William Haworth Holl, Richard Edward Turner, and Francis Henry Jeune as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices.

Know ye, that We, in compliance with the prayer of the said Joint Address, have authorised and appointed, and do by these Presents, in pursuance of the powers vested in Us by the said Acts, authorise and appoint you the said William Haworth Holl, Richard Edward Turner, and Francis Henry Jeune, to be Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices in the said Joint Address referred to.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the Ninth Day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty, in the Forty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

W. V. HARCOURT.

REPORT.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

WE, the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the existence of corrupt practices at the last parliamentary election for the borough of Sandwich, submit this our Report to Your Majesty.

The parliamentary borough of Sandwich is made up of the borough of Sandwich and the two parishes of Deal and Walmer, which were added to Sandwich by the Reform Act of 1832. Sandwich comprises a compact area of about 756 acres, situated about two miles inland and six or seven miles from Deal and Walmer, which two places, to all appearance forming one town, consist of a narrow fringe of houses stretching along the sea about three miles and covering a space of 1,800 acres. Sandwich is connected with Deal by railway. The population of the parliamentary borough which in 1871 was 14,885, is now probably somewhat larger by the increase of Deal and Walmer. The number of the constituency upon the register in force for 1880 was 2,115, Sandwich contributing 451, Deal 1,253, and Walmer 311 electors. About a hundred names should be struck off for duplicate entries, deaths, and removals, leaving a pollable constituency on May 18th, 1880, of about 2,000.

Sandwich is locally governed by a mayor, four aldermen, and 12 town councillors, and the freedom of the borough confers the right to vote on 143 persons, of whom the majority reside at Sandwich. Deal is also governed by a mayor and corporation, while the affairs of Walmer are managed by a local board.

The population of Sandwich is of a rural character engaged in no manufacture and no special trade. Deal is distinguished by the large number of its inhabitants occupied in seafaring pursuits as channel pilots, boatmen and fishermen; with Walmer it constitutes a watering place of no great ambition, though provided with a parade and boasting a pier. The resident gentry of these places are very few in number, while of the tradesmen several conduct a respectable business, but none on more than a moderate scale.

In Sandwich there are 33 licensed public-houses and beer-houses, in Deal 74 fully licensed public-houses and 14 beer-houses, and in Walmer 21 licensed public-houses and beer-houses.

The following table represents the results of the parliamentary contests since 1857 :—

General Election, 1857.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen	-	-	Liberal	-	547
Lord Clarence Paget	-	-	Liberal	-	503
J. McGregor	-	-	Conservative	-	322
J. Lang	-	-	Independent	-	24

General Election, 1859.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen	-	-	Liberal	-	497
Lord Clarence Paget	-	-	Liberal	-	458
Sir James Ferguson	-	-	Conservative	-	404
W. D. Lewis	-	-	Conservative	-	328

Bye-Election, 1859, consequent upon Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen accepting office.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen	-	-	Liberal	-	463
Sir J. Ferguson	-	-	Conservative	-	180

General Election, 1865.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen	-	Liberal	- 494
Lord Clarence Paget	-	Liberal	- 477
<i>W. Capper</i>	-	<i>Conservative</i>	- 413

Bye-Election, 1866, consequent upon Lord Clarence Paget's accepting an appointment.

<i>W. Capper</i>	-	<i>Conservative</i>	- 466
<i>Thomas Brassey</i>	-	<i>Liberal</i>	- 458

General Election, 1868.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen	-	Liberal	- 933
Henry A. Brassey	-	Liberal	- 923
<i>Baron H. de Worms</i>	-	<i>Conservative</i>	- 710

General Election, 1874.

Henry A. Brassey	-	Liberal	- 1,035
E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen	-	Liberal	- 1,006
<i>Hughes Hallett</i>	-	<i>Conservative</i>	- 764
<i>H. S. Baillie</i>	-	<i>Conservative</i>	- 611

General Election, March 1880.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen	-	Liberal.
Henry A. Brassey	-	Liberal.
Returned unopposed.		

The result of the bye-election on May 18th, 1880, consequent on the elevation to the peerage of Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen, was that Mr. Crompton Roberts, Conservative, was returned with 1,145 votes, against Sir Julian Goldsmid, Liberal, with 705.

At the general election in March, 1880, Mr. Crompton Roberts had formed the idea of contesting the borough, but he was assured by an agent sent to investigate the matter, that success against the sitting members would be hopeless, as they were much liked, but that it was believed Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen would receive a peerage or a colonial appointment, and that in that case the borough would be sure to return a Conservative. On the announcement of the intended elevation of Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen to the peerage Mr. Crompton Roberts at once took the field. He went to Deal to receive a deputation on the 28th or 29th of April. On the 4th of May, having been selected as the candidate, he again went down and began his canvass, and on the following day he was joined by Mr. Edwin Hughes, of Woolwich, whom he had appointed his agent for the election.

Mr. Edwin Hughes was recommended to Mr. Crompton Roberts by his private solicitor as "the most celebrated electioneering agent of the day." He was, no doubt, an agent of great experience and success. He had recently organised the return of Mr. Boord and Baron de Worms, at Greenwich, and of the three Conservative members for the City of London. From the moment he came to Deal he exercised complete authority; he "never," he said, "had a more obedient set to deal with than the Conservatives at Sandwich," and being in the service of a candidate who, to use his own words, was "under the impression that an election cost something like 10,000*l.*," he probably had never a better opportunity for the exercise of his talents.

The first step taken by Mr. Edwin Hughes, for which indeed the ground had been prepared before his arrival, was to secure a majority of the public-houses, and with them the little coteries of customers which each landlord could influence. Seventy-one committee rooms in public-houses were engaged in Deal and Walmer, and 18 in Sandwich. The chief public-house at Sandwich, and the chief public-house at Deal received 10*l.* each for the use of a committee room, the remainder a uniform sum of 5*l.* In some twenty cases these committee rooms were used for meetings or for the transaction of a trifling amount of business, but in the majority of instances the engagement of these committee rooms was merely colourable. In one instance, a publican having let a room to one side, let another to their opponents. In another case a publican let to one party the inside of his house for committees, to the other the use of the outside for bills. These public-houses did not average more than 20*l.* annual rental value. It was attempted at the hearing of the petition and before us, to justify the engagement of these houses on the ground that they were needed as stations for bill posting. The attempt failed before the election judges, and after more prolonged investigation into the matter we have no doubt that the taking a considerable portion of these public-houses was a colourable means of gaining the votes of their proprietors and of influencing the votes of their frequenters.

From the time of their arrival a vigorous canvass was organised and carried out by Mr. Crompton Roberts and Mr. Edwin Hughes, and for this purpose no less than 42 paid canvassers, at the rate of 6*l.* each, besides others who were paid by the day, were employed for Deal and Walmer alone. The argument chiefly used with effect appears to have been that unless the Conservatives were successful it was the last time they would ever contest the place. Lists were prepared, called bringing up lists, that is to say, lists of the voters who would need on the polling day to be looked after and brought to the poll. And although it seems that before the appearance of a Liberal candidate, the expenditure on flags, which was afterwards carried to an enormous extent, did not take place, about 30 flag poles were erected in the first week.

On the Liberal side two or three other candidates had been proposed, but had declined on being informed that the seat was contested, and that the election would probably cost about 2,000*l.* On Monday May 10th, Mr. Crompton Roberts having been already a week in the field, and time pressing, Mr. Richard Joyns Emmerson, who for many years had been the agent of the Liberal party at Sandwich, went to London had an interview with Sir Julian Goldsmid, and pressed him to return with him at once to Sandwich. Sir Julian, after some hesitation, accepted the invitation, and accompanied Mr. Emmerson to Sandwich, where he arrived about 7 p.m., and was introduced to Mr. James Barber Edwards, the Liberal agent for Deal and Walmer.

We have to report that in the contest which ensued, and which occupied from Monday the 10th to Tuesday the 18th of May 1880, there was practised throughout the constituency not only indirect bribery of various kinds as herein-after described, but direct bribery, the most extensive and systematic.

We have already mentioned the taking of 89 public-houses on the Conservative side as their first measure in the contest or in anticipation of it. In the same way, but to a much less extent, and in some cases at a slightly lower price, the Liberals engaged committee-rooms in 7 public-houses in Sandwich and 27 in Deal and Walmer; some of these committee-rooms were unnecessary and were not used.

The Conservative party expended for canvassers and messengers 612*l.* They further expended on clerks and personation agents the sum of 125*l.*, and for boards and board boys, 139*l.*; in all 876*l.*

On the Liberal side the sum expended at Deal for canvassers, messengers, clerks, personation agents, and board boys together was 185*l.*, in Walmer 69*l.*, and for the same in Sandwich 50*l.*, making in all 304*l.*

The expenses incurred for printing on the Conservative side amounted to 221*l.*; on the Liberal side the claims made for printing amounted to 115*l.*

On carriages the Conservatives incurred expenses to the amount of 224*l.* The claims against the Liberals amounted to 196*l.*

The seafaring character of Deal and Walmer suggested a very fertile method of expending money for the benefit of voters.

The display of flags at elections was traditional in these places, but the practice was for a time checked by the legislation on the subject in 1854. On the present occasion, however, the two sides vied with each other in extravagant and still more extravagant display of colours, till fairly tired out in the rivalry. All assuming to be drapers in the town, and many others whose regular business hardly lay in that line, supplied the materials for flags in the greatest profusion, and a considerable proportion of the wives and daughters of the inhabitants were employed to make them and to paint inscriptions on them. When made, the flags had to be exhibited on poles, and large sums were paid for the hire and purchase of poles. The poles had to be erected, and gangs of men, usually at the rate of 30s. a pole, were employed to erect them. In some cases the hire of ground for poles afforded an opportunity of gratifying voters. In one instance 2l. 10s. was paid for permission to erect a pole opposite an elector's house; in another 3l. was received for a similar privilege, a sum equal to six years' rent of the garden in which the pole was placed. Ropes were necessary to secure the poles, and ropes were purchased in vast quantities. But the ingenuity of expenditure did not end here. It was feared that the elaborate structures of poles and cordage might be injured by the opponents or perhaps by the friends of their constructors, and bodies of men, most of whom possessed votes, were employed to watch them. It was impossible to say what time or exertion was given in return for this payment, but we did not ascertain that any damage was effected or attempted. After the election still further sums were paid for the removal of these poles and banners. The total expenditure on the Conservative side on flags, poles, rosettes, and all connected with them exceeded 796l., while that on the Liberal side on similar objects did not fall short of 660l.

A regatta proposed for May 17th received the warm support of the Conservative candidate. He subscribed 25l. to its funds, and he further engaged the pier for the day for the purpose of throwing it open to the free use of the inhabitants without distinction of party. The programme of this regatta, revealing the intended generosity of Mr. Crompton Roberts, was sent by that gentleman to the electors, together with the circular soliciting their votes, and a form to be filled up and returned in case of their wishing to pledge their support. The regatta was, however, given up on account of bad weather, but the fund destined for prizes remained in the hands of a committee consisting of four or five Conservative electors. They informed us that they considered themselves trustees of the amount in case the regatta should ever be held.

On the Liberal side the absence of a regatta was supplied by a boat painted blue (the Liberal colour) and by persons dressed in blue who perambulated the streets. For this display, to which Mr. Edwards, the agent of Sir Julian, consented, 25l. was paid, and the item was entered in the list of claims under the title "The Boat Regatta."

We feel compelled, before leaving the subject of the lavish expenditure at this election, to direct attention to the personal expenditure of the Conservative candidate. In the two weeks during which he was at Deal his disbursements in the town and the cost of the living of himself, his family and friends at Deal amounted to a sum of about 650l. No part of this amount found its way into the published accounts. For the week during which he was with Lady Goldsmid at Deal, Sir Julian Goldsmid informed us that his personal expenses were only 33l.

We should have considered it to be our duty to have reported more fully on the extravagance of the several kinds of expenditure we have mentioned, and which we are of opinion in some cases constituted corrupt practices, and its effect upon individual electors, were it not that direct bribery prevailed at the election in question to so great an extent as not only to place beyond need of further question the character of the election, and the character of the constituency, but also in the vast majority of individual cases by incontestably establishing the existence of direct pecuniary corruption to render it unnecessary to investigate the less direct influence of colourable employment.

It is clear that on the 11th May, Mr. Hughes was preparing the means by which bribery on an extensive scale would be carried out. The total sum paid by Mr. Roberts, over which Mr. Hughes had control, was 6,500l. Of this sum 600l. was paid to Mr. Hughes on the 11th of May, by Mr. Crompton Roberts, by means of a cheque drawn to "Mr. Hoare" (Mr. Crompton Roberts' partner in business) "or bearer," and was with a further sum of 300l. out of other moneys provided by Mr.

Crompton Roberts, paid by Mr. Hughes into the Bank of England in the names of his clerk and four leading Conservatives of Deal. A further sum of 1,400*l.* passed through Mr. Hughes' hands in the following way:—On the 11th of May, Mr. Crompton Roberts gave to Mr. Hughes a memorandum in pencil, which was in effect an order for an unlimited amount on Mr. Hoare. Mr. Hughes having received this memorandum, took it to London, gave it there to an agent named Horne, who conveyed it, with a note from Mr. Hughes, to Mr. Hoare, received from Mr. Hoare a cheque for 1,400*l.* Of this 1,400*l.*, 400*l.* was paid to Mr. Hughes' credit. The remaining 1,000*l.* had a somewhat complicated history. It was paid by Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co. by Mr. Hughes' directions to M. M. Bellairs et Fils, bankers at Calais. The agent of Mr. Hughes, in Paris, at his request informed a leading Conservative at Deal, Samuel Olds, that this sum was standing to his credit at M. M. Bellairs et Fils, and at the same time the signature of Olds was sent to M. M. Bellairs by Mr. Hughes through Messrs. Glyn's. On the 14th of May, Olds went to Calais and received the 1,000*l.* in a cheque for 281*l.* and bank notes. He was met at Dover by Horne, who received the cheque and notes from him, took them to London, changed them for gold, and on the 14th of May went down to Deal and gave the gold to Olds. From Thomas, Mr. Hughes' clerk, Olds, at various times before the 17th of May, received sums amounting to 1,500*l.* The whole of the 2,500*l.* thus coming into Olds' hands, was given to him for the purpose of its being expended in direct bribery to voters, at the rate of 3*l.* a head, and the whole or nearly the whole of it was so expended. The bringing up lists containing as above mentioned 850 names were utilised for this purpose. The 850 names were divided into groups and the sum was apportioned in various amounts to about 40 persons, who distributed it to the individuals in the several groups at the rate of 3*l.* a head. The 900*l.* in the Bank of England was intended to have been used in bribery, but it was not in fact so used nor indeed was it drawn till after the election was over.

The actual distribution of money to individuals was effected without difficulty. We could find only one or two instances in which a bribe was refused.

We have not found that there was any direct bribery in the Conservative interest other than by the expenditure of this sum of 2,500*l.* just mentioned, except in one or two trifling instances.

On the Liberal side the election agent of Sir Julian Goldsmid for Deal and Walmer was Mr. James Barber Edwards, a solicitor; for Sandwich another solicitor, Mr. Richard J. Emmerson.

The total sum provided by Sir Julian Goldsmid, over which Mr. Edwards had control, was 1,820*l.*, which was paid to him in the following manner. In the hurry of his departure from London with Mr. Emmerson, which took place at an hour's notice, Sir Julian left without any cheque-book, and with only two cheques in his pocket-book, one on his general drawing account at the London and Westminster Bank, and the other on the Bank of England, where he kept an account for certain special purposes only, the nature of which was explained by the production of the account. Mr. Emmerson told Sir Julian on this occasion that to contest the borough would cost between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.* On the morning of Tuesday, the 11th of May, Mr. Edwards asked Sir Julian for money, and at the same time told him that it was usual at Deal to have a sum deposited to answer the expenses of the election, and that about 2,000*l.* or 2,500*l.* would be required. Sir Julian told him it had not been his custom to deposit money in advance, and did not then assent to this course, but filled up and gave him the cheque on the London and Westminster Bank for 200*l.* On the morning of Wednesday the 12th, Mr. Edwards again applied for money, and as Sir Julian had no other cheque he filled up the cheque on the Bank of England for 320*l.* and gave it to Mr. Edwards, but requested him as that account was for special purposes, to advance the amount, and hold the cheque as a security until it should be redeemed by Sir Julian by a cheque on his general account, which was afterwards done as hereafter mentioned.

On the evening of the same day Mr. Edwards again told Sir Julian that he should require more money promptly to provide for the expenses of the election. Sir Julian had no other cheque; but he wrote on Wednesday night or by the first post on Thursday morning to his secretary in London to forward him a cheque-book. As, however, that gentleman was sometimes absent attending to the business of a relative of Sir Julian, whose affairs he also managed, Sir Julian was in some uncertainty as

to the time the cheque-book might arrive, and as it happened that on the Wednesday evening Mr. Francis Flint Belsey, a friend and supporter of Sir Julian at Rochester had come for the purpose of speaking in the Liberal interest at a meeting at Deal, and was about to return to Rochester on the morning of Thursday, the 13th, Sir Julian, after the meeting, spoke to Mr. Belsey with respect to the request of Mr. Edwards for a prompt supply of money, about 1,500*l.*, to cover the expenses of the election, the fact of his having no cheques with him, and the uncertainty he was in of getting any as soon as he might require them, and as he had determined to comply with Mr. Edwards' request it was suggested that Mr. Belsey, who was about to return immediately, should go to Messrs. Foord, at Rochester, and request them to send 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.* to Mr. Emmerson as promptly as they could. Mr. Belsey consented to convey the message, and Sir Julian gave him in writing the name and address of Mr. Emmerson, to whom the money was to be sent at Sandwich. Messrs. Foord were land agents and contractors, and friends and supporters of Sir Julian, at Rochester, and they had for several years paid his subscriptions, the registrations, and some private expenses at Rochester, and had also at the election there in April 1880 paid 800*l.* for him for election expenses. About midday on Thursday, the 13th, Mr. Belsey saw Mr. Charles Ross Foord and Mr. John Ross Foord at their office at Rochester, and conveyed to them Sir Julian's request. No direction or suggestion was made either by Sir Julian to Mr. Belsey, or by Mr. Belsey to Messrs. Foord respecting the source whence the money should be obtained, or as to the form in which it should be sent. Mr. C. R. Foord went that afternoon to London, drew from the London Joint Stock Bank 1,200*l.* in gold which he took back with him to Rochester, and adding to it 300*l.* in gold which the firm had at their office on Friday the 14th took the whole 1,500*l.* to Sandwich. He was met at the station by Mr. Emmerson, and went with him to his office, where they were joined by Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Foord then handed over the 1,500*l.* to them. Out of the above-mentioned 1,500*l.*, 200*l.* was retained by Mr. Emmerson and the other 1,300*l.* was taken by Mr. Edwards. Out of the 200*l.* so kept by Mr. Emmerson, 50*l.* was afterwards on Monday, May 17th, given by him to Benjamin Longden Coleman, and was by Coleman expended on the day of the election in bribing voters with sums from 1*l.* to 4*l.* each. The remaining 150*l.* was retained by Mr. Emmerson, who had the intention of ultimately handing it to Coleman for the fulfilment of promises made by Coleman, but this was not done.

Out of the sums of 200*l.*, 320*l.*, and 1,300*l.*, making together 1,820*l.* received by Mr. Edwards, together with 115*l.* of his own money, he paid to Edwin Cornwell 297*l.*, to John Pettitt Ramell 208*l.*, and to Edward Thomas Rose 306*l.*, which sums were respectively expended by those persons for the general purposes of the election, some of which were illegal but not corrupt; and to John Thomas Outwin 1,125*l.*, of which Outwin expended 75*l.* upon the hire of 10 public-houses at the rate of 5*l.* each, and the remaining 1,050*l.* in direct bribery at rates varying from 3*l.* to 5*l.* a head, and Edward Thomas Rose expended about 370*l.* in the same way, which was, some time after the election, repaid to him by Mr. Edwards out of his own moneys.

It was never brought to the knowledge of Sir Julian that any part of these sums was intended to be or was expended in the direct bribery above mentioned.

In three cases persons interested on the Liberal side expended money of their own in bribery. Richard Gillow, the son of a brewer at Sandwich, spent in this way about 70*l.* or 80*l.*; Edwin Hills expended about 48*l.*; and Henry Minter Baker, who came from Dover for the purpose of voting, and appears to have taken no part in the election before the polling day, expended about 38*l.*

There was some treating on the Conservative side by canvassers and others, and on the Liberal side, especially at Sandwich, the landlords of several public-houses were allowed to supply voters with drink, but we did not find that treating prevailed to any extent proportionate to the other illegal practices at this election. The superior attractions of direct bribery rendered the seductions of treating superfluous. As one of the witnesses told us, "the people did not want drink, it was not a question of drink, it was more a question of money than drink."

On the Conservative side Mr. E. Hughes acted as expenses agent. He returned as the election expenses the sum of 3,153*l.*, having, in fact, as has been stated, received

from Mr. Crompton Roberts 6,500*l.* for the purposes of the election, and having expended 5,600*l.*

The list of the returned expenses on the Conservative side is subjoined as Appendix A.

The sum of 106*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* (personal expenses), in fact, represents items of a miscellaneous character, the principal being the sums given by Mr. Crompton Roberts for the purposes of the regatta and certain subscriptions. The real personal expenditure was not returned at all.

On the Liberal side the agent for election expenses was Mr. Edmund Brown, a retired tradesman, who had acted in a similar capacity at several previous elections. On the Thursday after the election, Sir Julian Goldsmid instructed his solicitor, Mr. George Lewis, to proceed with a petition, a step which Sir Julian had contemplated for some time previously. He placed the whole of the election affairs in Mr. Lewis' hands, and thenceforward in no way interfered either with the settlement of the election accounts or any other matter connected with it. No return of election expenses on the Liberal side was made until the middle of September 1880. At the trial of the election petition in August, documents, by order of the judges, were handed in, showing the claims made on the Liberal candidate. These claims are set out as Appendix B. It will be seen they amount to 2,668*l.* Against them a sum of about 1,400*l.* was paid partly before and partly after the trial of the election petition. The return of expenses subsequently made by the agent is set out as Appendix C. It will be seen that as regards Deal and Walmer the returned expenses are 445*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*, and as regards Sandwich the returned expenses are 443*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*, making a total of only 888*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.*

In addition to the returned expenses for Sandwich, which amounted to 443*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*, Mr. Emmerson expended in all 149*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* He received from Sir Julian himself 210*l.*, from Mr. Foord 200*l.*, and on laying the above claim of 593*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* before Mr. G. Lewis, after the election, he was paid by him against it the sum of 350*l.* making a total of 760*l.* It appeared, however, that Mr. Emmerson did not inform Mr. Lewis that he had received the sum of 200*l.* out of the money brought by Mr. Foord (of which he then had in hand 150*l.*), and it does not appear that Mr. Lewis paid the sum of 350*l.*, knowing that it or any part of it was in repayment of money spent in bribery.

We find that at the above election 128 persons were guilty of corrupt practice and were guilty of acts of bribery in respect of the votes of other persons. The names of the said persons are set out in Schedule I.

We find that at the above election 1,005 persons were guilty of corrupt practice and of acts of bribery in respect of their votes. The names of such persons are in Schedule II. The 127 persons in the said list against whose names an asterisk is placed received bribes from both sides.

We find that at the above election 48 persons were guilty of corrupt practice by way of treating. Their names are in Schedule III.

We are unable to give certificates of indemnity to the witnesses whose names appear in Schedule IV.

We also desire to call attention to John William Cavell Elliott and Joseph Brown, who were proved to have been guilty of bribing various persons, but whom we were unable to examine, Elliott having left the country shortly after the trial of the petition, and Brown having absconded immediately after receiving a summons to appear before us.

We think it right specially to advert to the conduct of the two candidates at this election.

After very carefully considering the facts elicited, we are unable to avoid the conclusion that Mr. Crompton Roberts gave a tacit sanction to corrupt practices by providing money which he had reason to suspect, and must have suspected, would be used for bribery.

It is difficult to doubt that Mr. Crompton Roberts when on the spot and in the thick of the contest could have failed to become aware that expenditure, to say the least most lavish, was going on all round him, and that the electors whose votes he was

seeking to gain were palpably and eagerly open to corrupt influence. The evidence indeed happens from a special circumstance to be very clear as to Mr. Crompton Roberts' knowledge on the latter point. To a great extent Mr. Crompton Roberts canvassed the electors personally. His practice at Sandwich was to carry with him a canvass book in which he made notes, and which was afterwards handed to his agent, Mr. Cloke, for the purposes of the election. The canvass book for Sandwich was produced to us, and we found in Mr. Crompton Roberts' handwriting such notes as the following opposite the names of various voters:—"Paralysed; wants help to get change of air or rides out." "Wants a better pension, was a warder at the gaol at Sandwich." "Very favourable and poor." "Promised; wants a little drop." "Wants to be seen; cash." "Wants much assistance; had much illness in the house, half a year's rent at 3s.=3l. 18s. 6d." "Wife wants liquoring up." "Query, wife favourable, and been a great sufferer." "Wife just confined, see." These entries, or some of them, were at least noticed and transcribed by the agents engaged in the election. For example, the first appears in Mr. Cloke's canvassing book as "wants pay for change of air or rides out." We do not think it necessary to come to the conclusion that Mr. Crompton Roberts intended these notes as direct suggestions for bribery to his agents; but we think they show that Mr. Crompton Roberts knew very well that many electors were anxious to sell their votes.

On the 11th of May Mr. Crompton Roberts gave to Mr. E. Hughes, who was then going to London, a cheque drawn to "Mr. Hoare or bearer" for 600l., and at the same time an order in pencil on Mr. Hoare for an unlimited amount. Before and after the 11th of May Mr. Crompton Roberts gave to Mr. Hughes cheques for various amounts, all of which were cashed in the regular way, appeared in Mr. Crompton Roberts' pass book under Mr. Hughes' name, were entered by Mr. Crompton Roberts' secretary in Mr. Crompton Roberts' private ledger under the head of election expenses, and were credited to Mr. E. Hughes in an account he opened at the branch of the National Provincial Bank at Deal. With regard to these cheques a full record therefore existed. But the payment of 600l. and the order on Mr. Hoare were treated differently. The cheque for 600l. appears in Mr. Crompton Roberts' pass book only opposite the name "Hoare," and in the private ledger Mr. Crompton Roberts' secretary entered it not with the other payments under the head of election expenses, but in an account which consisted of items relating to a private loan to Mr. Hoare, and it never went to Mr. Hughes' credit at the bank at Deal. The order on Mr. Hoare, and the money obtained by means of it, never found their way into any book of Mr. Crompton Roberts, or any account connected with the election. Mr. Hoare informed us that the 1,400l. drawn by means of it would be merely debited against Mr. Crompton Roberts in the partnership accounts of the firm. Why Mr. E. Hughes carried out these measures of secrecy and was satisfied with the manner of placing the funds at his command, is clear from his own statement. It was because, in his own words, he wished to keep it "as money distinct from the election, "in the sense that it might possibly be wanted for matters that were not strictly "legal," because "none of that money was for the legitimate purposes of the "election," because "it was being provided for a purpose that could not be dis-closed."

It is difficult to believe that so clear a purpose in the mind of Mr. E. Hughes had not been, in some way, though no doubt not by express words, communicated to the mind of Mr. Crompton Roberts, when we find him taking a course just such as Mr. Hughes would have desired. In this view we were anxious to obtain from Mr. Crompton Roberts an explanation of his own reasons for drawing the cheque for 600l. to Mr. Hoare, and for giving an unlimited order to Mr. Hughes on Mr. Hoare. As to the order on Mr. Hoare, Mr. Crompton Roberts' only explanation is that it was given at the request of Mr. Hughes. As to the cheque, his explanation is that it was drawn in the name of Mr. Hoare, because he was not sure whether there was a balance at his bank sufficient to meet it, and he wished Mr. Hoare might see that there was sufficient balance. In giving this evidence Mr. Crompton Roberts was under the impression the cheque was to order, in which case it must have at least passed through Mr. Hoare's hands. But in fact the cheque was to bearer, so that when giving it to Mr. Hughes, Mr. Crompton Roberts cannot have intended it should necessarily come under Mr. Hoare's eye, and in fact it never so came. It is not easy to think that a man of Mr. Crompton Roberts' great wealth would have hesitated to

draw a cheque for 600*l.* on his bankers ; and it is the more difficult to believe that he had any real fear this cheque for 600*l.* would not be honoured, when, in fact, before May 3rd, 6,500*l.* was standing to his credit on deposit account (which the bankers, he said, would use to honour cheques if necessary), on May 3rd, 4,000*l.* was added, and on May 11th, the whole 10,500*l.* was available to protect his cheques. Further, we were not informed that Mr. Crompton Roberts, though knowing all he must have known of the election and the electors at any time inquired of Mr. Hughes as to the object for which this money was needed, or as to the purposes for which it was applied.

With regard to Sir Julian Goldsmid, it appears on his own statement that during the contest many things were, to his knowledge, being done on his behalf by his agents and partisans which were in fact forms of bribery. In a written statement read before us by Sir Julian, he says, "Mr. Emmerson at once telegraphed I was coming, and I believe the Liberal Association and other party managers did what they had always been accustomed to do, viz., engaged public-houses, committee-rooms, clerks, canvassers, messengers, &c., ordered flag-staffs, flags, colours, rosettes, &c., &c., of course on my behalf, and without my knowledge, and ample to invalidate any election." "After another day's canvassing I began to see how matters stood, and that even the Liberals did not wish me to be elected, but only to make a contest; and on Friday morning I remonstrated again, as I had done before, about the illegal expenditure, and gross outlay in a variety of ways; for instance, an enormous flag-staff was put up the day before (Thursday) in front of our house, with some 20 flags, and no end of men to watch it. Mr. Edwards told me it cost 25*l.* I begged him to stop any more. He said he would give instructions, but these things went on worse than ever up to the end. I do not know whether it was because he did not wish to do what I asked, or whether it was because he was unable to control the people." "Another illegal thing which I especially begged Mr. Edwards not to employ was a band, but it was in vain. The amount of fictitious employment was in my opinion enormous; messengers, clerks, board-boys, flags, &c., &c., most of them, as far as I could find, doing nothing. The Blue boat of Deal, which I never heard of till I saw it, was also another source of fictitious employment, also watching the flag-staffs after they had been put up, as well as putting them up, and so on." And speaking of his instructions to his solicitor with reference to the petition, Sir Julian said, "I told Mr. Lewis to put out all the case against myself as well as against Mr. Crompton Roberts, because I was certain there was a good case against myself, through my agents."

"I had told Mr. Belsey about the monstrous expenditure that I had already seen in those two days, upon the flags, upon messengers, upon boys, and upon all these ridiculous things which I have described, and of which you have heard a great deal, and I had been told by Mr. Edwards that all these people had to be paid down, and he asked me for a lump sum at the commencement. I thought that after all instead of being bothered every day for a cheque off me, he had better have a lump sum, and I asked his (Mr. Belsey's) opinion, placing the greatest reliance on his opinion, and he thought as I did, and I not having any cheque in my pocket, and not knowing, for a reason I can give, whether I should have a cheque in time for Mr. Edwards to inform the bank that cash would be required, I asked Mr. Belsey to go to my usual friends of Rochester, who have constantly paid money for me."

"I see a good deal has been said about payments for flags, &c. I should have a great deal to tell you, and I might take the day if I went through all I saw in that respect. One reason why I calculated 2,000*l.* (apart from the reason that I believe Mr. Edwards had asked me for that sum) would be a very moderate sum, considering the way the election was conducted, was that I counted myself over 150 poles and standards put up in the 'blue' interest, as they call it, with flags, &c., and in order to test what was done I went to Mr. Edwards without telling him my object, and asked how much was paid for putting up those poles. I was told that every man upon the Liberal side was paid 25*s.*, and every man upon the Conservative side was paid 30*s.* Then in order to test it I went to some of the men and asked them how many had been occupied in putting up a moderate sized pole, and was told upon that occasion five. Therefore, I put down the expense of that pole at 6*l.*, and considering that I counted there were 150 poles, it showed that an enormous sum of money would be very likely required. It is perfectly illegal I know, and I am fully aware of that. I had asked

“ them not to go on with it, but it was gone on with. The *same* thing occurred with regard to flags and banners.”

“ It was in consequence of the discovery I made in the course of a couple of days of the illegal mode which I have described, that I thought on Wednesday afternoon of retiring, and I only did not do so because I did not wish to incur the reproach of the Liberal party by giving up the seat.” Sir Julian further stated in reply to a question put by us, that he anticipated that the legitimate expenses of the election, with the things he saw, which he considered very illegal, the flags and so on, but for which he considered he was liable, would amount to 2,000*l.* or about that sum, and that he knew that there was an illegitimate expense being incurred, but that he thought he ought to pay for it, as his agents had ordered it as far as he knew.

Mr. Belsey in his testimony stated as follows:—“ Sir Julian mentioned to me the difficulty he was in through having no cheque, and complained of the lavish expenditure. Of course he could not fight the election purely because he was already committed before he got there; he was inclined to go away and leave it, but had made up his mind upon full consideration to stop, and he wanted the 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.* for the lavish expenditure which seemed to be the custom of the place.” “ I mean that he could not claim the seat by reason of acts that had been done before he got there. He seemed to have been there without the possibility of carrying the election through, as he would have done had he had the reins from the outset.” “ By ‘acts,’ I do not mean bribery, but the engagement of committee rooms, and the expenditure that we saw going on all round in the free employment of labour of every kind, it looked to me as if the election was being fought free-handedly.” “ The impression that Sir Julian left upon my mind was that at that time he had made up his mind to fight the election through, and by means, I do not say, bribery or illegitimate means, but by means which might have been possibly questionable, but whether they were legitimate or illegitimate would have to be left to the decision of the election judges. He was not able to prevent them. I will say lavish means.”

Mr. Belsey also said, “ Sir Julian complained to me of the lavish expenditure in putting up of flags, &c. He said it seemed a very expensive place, and they seemed to have gone on in a lavish way in the putting up of flags, and that they were putting up an enormous flag-pole; but he had determined to fight, and inasmuch as it was done it could not be helped. That is what I gathered from his conversation, and I understood that this money (the 1,500*l.*) was wanted for the payment of this sort of work, and the lavish way of carrying it out.”

The above statements of Sir Julian and evidence of Mr. Belsey seem to show that Sir Julian having, after some hesitation, determined from motives of loyalty to his party, to fight the contest to the end, with knowledge of acts and of a lavish expenditure by his agents and partisans, including “ fictitious employment to an enormous amount,” and “ sufficient to invalidate any election,” though he had remonstrated against them nevertheless caused a sum of 1,500*l.* to be paid into the hands of his agents without any instructions as to its application, and with the intention, as both he and Mr. Belsey admit, that it should be applied not only in discharge of the legitimate expenses of the election, but also the lavish employment and expenditure upon poles and banners, messengers and board-boys, which he had seen going on all around him.

Sir Julian is a barrister, and of considerable experience in all matters connected with elections, and accepting as we do his explanation of the circumstances under and the purposes for which he paid the 1,500*l.* into his agent's hands, we are unable to avoid the conclusion that he intended it to be applied, in part at least, in the discharge of obligations incurred by his agents in fictitious employment of various kinds, with a view to influence the votes of persons so employed or their relatives, and that though Sir Julian in the first instance remonstrated against such proceedings, yet he afterwards, by so providing the means of payment therefor, tacitly sanctioned such employment, and was consequently legally guilty of a corrupt practice within the statute.

Having found that corrupt practices were committed at the election above mentioned we proceeded to inquire concerning the election immediately previous, according to the provisions of 15 & 16 Vict. c. 57, sect. 6. At the election which took place in March, 1880, there was no contest, Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen and

Mr. Henry Brassey being returned as elected without opposition. This fact did not, however, in our judgment, having regard to the language of the statute, (though we are aware that a difference of opinion exists on the subject), either excuse us from inquiring concerning this election, nor did it enable us, having inquired and found that no corrupt practices were committed thereat, to go back to previous elections.

The election expenses of Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen and Mr. Henry Brassey at the election of March 1880 were returned as being in all 364*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* for Sandwich, and 199*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* for Deal and Walmer. The abstract of these expenses is subjoined in Appendix D. We found that Mr. Edwards, the Liberal agent at Deal and Walmer, received a sum of 100*l.* from Mr. Henry Brassey for his services as agent beyond and above the sum included in the 199*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*

The payment of 200*l.* to each agent at an uncontested election appears to us to have been excessive; but we do not find that any of the payments at this election were corrupt.

We thought it right to inquire into the expenditure of Mr. Henry Brassey in the borough between the years 1874 and 1880, with a view to form a judgment whether the unopposed election was not brought about by expenditure intended to prevent opposition. We ascertained that Mr. Henry Brassey's subscriptions in the borough amounted to 489*l.* in 1877, 551*l.* in 1878, and 573*l.* in 1879; his other expenses in the borough similarly rising from 39*l.* in 1877, to 53*l.* in 1878, and 74*l.* in 1879, exclusive of personal expenditure during a stay at Deal in October of that year. In 1880, before the election took place Mr. Brassey spent and subscribed 315*l.* in the borough; after the election his similar expenses to the end of the year were only 45*l.* We ascertained also that Mr. Brassey, in November 1879, entertained the Corporation of Deal at dinner at an expense of 57*l.*, and in January 1880, the Corporation of Sandwich at an expense of 44*l.* We think that this expenditure was excessive, and that its effect was to render it impossible for a man not able or willing to go to equal expense to contest or represent Sandwich. But we do not think that this expenditure constituted the commission of corrupt practices at the election of March 1880.

We felt ourselves, therefore, precluded, on the ground already referred to, from inquiry into the election of 1874 or earlier elections. But observing the nature and manner of the bribery committed at the contest between Mr. Crompton Roberts and Sir Julian Goldsmid, the general expectation that money would be distributed in bribery, the almost universal willingness and even avidity to accept bribes, the great proportion of the population implicated, the ease with which the most extensive bribery was carried out, the organization for the purpose of bribery, which was far too facile and complete to be inexperienced, the readiness on the part of many to accept bribes from both sides, and the total absence of a voice to warn, condemn, or denounce, we cannot doubt that electoral corruption had long and extensively prevailed in the borough of Sandwich.

We do not think it within the scope of our duties to offer any recommendations on the subject of the means by which corruption may be better prevented; but we may be permitted to say that evidence given before us appears to establish some conclusions of practical importance.

(1.) It did not appear that the mode of taking votes by ballot had the slightest effect in checking bribery. On the contrary, while it enabled many voters to take bribes on both sides, it did not, as far as we could ascertain, render a single person unwilling to bribe for fear of bribing in vain.

(2.) The law as to the return of election expenses in its present form appears to us practically useless for any purpose. It would seem that the provisions intended to compel the real expenses to be returned, are in effect disregarded, and do not even ensure any return at all. There is nothing to compel or even enable the election expenses agent to exercise any effective control over the return. If the law had compelled a strict audit of election expenses, and provided that the candidates should disclose the amount and manner of their real expenditure at the election, bribery could not probably have been committed at the election at Sandwich, certainly not in the way by which or by means of the resources out of which it was accomplished.

(3.) The engagement of committee-rooms at public-houses afforded a method by which the keeper of the public-house and his clientèle were very easily bribed.

(4.) The payment of the expenses to out-voters appeared to us to degenerate very readily into over-payment amounting to a bribe.

(5.) The employment of canvassers, clerks, and messengers, to an extent not measured by any real requirement, and the extravagant display of party emblems offered abundant opportunities for corruption.

All which we have the honour to submit for Your Majesty's most gracious consideration.

(Signed) WM. H. HOLL.
R. E. TURNER.
F. H. JEUNE.

Temple, February 9th, 1880.

SCHEDULE I.

BRIBERS.

Adams, Thomas.	Langley, John Beer.
Allen, Thomas Winston.	Langley, Thomas, <i>Sandwich</i> .
Axon, David.	Lawrence, John.
Axon, Henry David.	Lee, Philpott Rutley.
Axon, James.	License, William.
Bailey, George, <i>Sandwich</i> .	Lock, George.
Baker, Charles, <i>Sandwich</i> .	Lownds, Robert Ramell.
Baker, Henry Minter.	Mackie, William Burvill.
Baker, Frederick.	Mackins, John Thomas.
Bales, Thomas.	Marsh, Henry, <i>Beach Street</i> .
Ballard, Edward.	Millen, Henry Edward.
Barnes, Thomas.	Millen, John Bullock.
Beck, William.	Miller, William John.
Bedwell, Thomas Frederick.	Minter, William Robert.
Betts, John William.	Moon, George William.
Bishop, John, <i>Upper Deal</i> .	Mose, William James Jonathan.
Brett, James.	Myhill, Valentine.
Bristowe, Edward.	Nicholas, William.
Bristow, Henry Heron Strouts.	Norris, Alfred Henry.
Bullen, William.	Norris, William, <i>Lower Walmer</i> .
Bullen, William Thomas.	Norris, William George.
Bushell, William, <i>Upper Walmer</i> .	Nowers, Joseph.
Bushell, William Wilkins.	Olds, Samuel.
Chittenden, James McCarthy.	Outwin, John Thomas.
Cloke, Frederick Spencer.	Parker, Benjamin.
Coleman, Benjamin Longden.	Pearson, Henry.
Conley, William.	Pearson, Samuel.
Cox, Charles.	Philpott, George.
Crompton-Roberts, Charles Henry.	Philps, Thomas.
Denne, George Henry.	Piddock, William.
Durban, Henry Carell.	Porter, George.
East, Henry.	Potts, George.
Edwards, James Barber.	Pritchard, Stephen.
Emmerson, Richard Joynes.	Ralph, Thomas.
Epps, William Edward.	Ralph, George.
Erridge, James John.	Ralph, John James.
Erridge, Ralphs.	Ramell, William Henry.
Evans, Charles.	Ramell, John Pettet.
Fagg, William.	Rea, Edward.
Files, John.	Redman, Charles.
Finnis, Thomas Hornsby, " <i>The Fox</i> ," <i>North End</i> .	Redman, Richard.
Firminger, Edward Henry.	Reynolds, George Kingsford.
Gibbons, Richard.	Rigden, Alfred William.
Gillow, Richard.	Riley, Alexander.
Giles, Thomas Valentine.	Riley, William.
Goldsmid, Sir Julian.	Rose, Edward Thomas.
Grigg, Edward.	Simmons, Daniel George Frederick.
Hancock, William North.	Simpson, George.
Harris, Patrick.	Solomon, Walter.
Hayman, William Henry.	Spears, Henry.
Hills, Edwin.	Spears, William Frost.
Hoile, Stephen, <i>Walmer Road</i> .	Terry, Edward.
Hooper, George.	Thomas, William Godfrey.
Horne, William B.	Tinley, Joseph Johua.
Horne, James.	Trigg, William.
Hughes, Edwin.	Trollope, James.
Hughes, William John.	Usher, Thomas James.
Hulke, Frederick Thomas.	Warner, Frederick.
Huson, Henry.	Watts, William.
James, John Samuel.	Wilds, Robert George.
Jones, Robert William.	Wilmshurst, Thomas.
Kidner, Thomas.	Wise, James.
	Wood, Benjamin.
	Woodruff, Thomas John.
	Worrels, Lewis.
	Wybourne, Richard Smith.

SCHEDULE II.

BRIBES.

THOSE AGAINST WHOSE NAMES AN (*) IS PLACED RECEIVED BRIBES FROM BOTH SIDES.

- *Abbott, George.
 Adams, Edward Gabriel Alexander.
 *Adams, Jack.
 *Adams, John Lemon.
 Allen, Culmer William.
 Allen, Stephen.
 Allen, William.
 *Allen, William Valentine.
 Amess, Henry Ramell.
 Amos, George.
 Anderson, John.
 Andrews, John.
 Andrews, Robert.
 Annall, John Batt.
 Arberry, Joseph.
 Archer, John Clayson.
 Archer, Robert.
 Archer, Richard Redman.
 Archer, Stephen George.
 Archer, William Hills.
 Arnold, James.
 Arter, Thomas.
 Ashington, John Henry.
 Ashington, Robert Henry.
 Ashton, Henry.
 Ashington, Thomas William.
 Atkins, James.
 Austin, Giles.
 Austin, John.
 Aves, Samuel.
 Axon, Bayley.
 Axon, Henry David.
 Axon, Henry.
 Axon, James.
- Baber, Thomas.
 Bailey, Benjamin.
 Bailey, Charles.
 Bailey, George, *King Street.*
 Bailey, George, *Wellington Road.*
 Bailey, James.
 Bailey, Thomas.
 Bailey, Redman.
 Bailey, William, *Middle Street.*
 Bailey, William, *Gladstone Road.*
 Baker, Charles, *Walmer.*
 Baker, Frederick.
 Baker, John.
 Baker, John William.
 Baker, James Thomas, *Lower Walmer.*
 Baker, James Thomas, *York Street.*
 Baker, Richard.
 Baker, Thomas, *Crown Court.*
 Baker, Thomas, *Middle Street.*
 Baldwin, John.
 Barnes, Thomas.
 Bartlett, Henry.
 Barrett, Henry.
 Barwick, James.
 Batchell, Robert.
 Bassett, John.
 *Bax, Robert.
 Bayly, George.
 Bayley, Henry.
 Bayley, John.
 Bayley, Robert Long.
 Bayness, John Francis.
 *Beal, Henry.
- Beal, James.
 *Beal Richard.
 Bean, John.
 Bean, William.
 Beck, William.
 Bedwell, George Thomas.
 Bedwell, John.
 Beecham, William.
 *Beeching, Charles.
 Beer, William.
 Beerville, John.
 Best, James.
 Beney, John James.
 Bennett, James.
 Berry, Thomas.
 Berwick, Edward.
 Berwick, John.
 Berwick, Thomas.
 Berwick, Richard.
 Berwick, William.
 *Betts, Richard Atherden, *West Street.*
 Betts, Richard Atherden, *Portland Terrace.*
 Betts, Robert Thomas.
 Betts, William Robert, *Alexandra Cottages.*
 Betts, William Robert, *Griffen Street.*
 Bingham, James Files.
 Bingham, Thomas.
 Birch, Gilbert.
 Bird, Henry.
 Bird, James.
 *Bishop, John, *Upper Deal.*
 Bishop, John, *Church Street.*
 Bishop, George.
 Bishop, Slodden.
 Blackburn, William.
 Blissenden, Stephen.
 Blown, James.
 *Blown, William.
 Blyth, Henry.
 Bolwell, James.
 Bond, Henry.
 Bowlyes, James.
 *Bowles, Allen.
 Bowles, Thomas.
 Bowles, John.
 *Bowles, William.
 Boyer, William.
 Brazier, John.
 *Brett, George.
 Brett, James.
 Brett, William, *Sandwich.*
 Brett, William, *Silver Street.*
 Brenchley, Edward.
 *Bright, Richard Henry.
 *Brisley, Thomas.
 Bridge, Edward Law.
 Bristowe, Edward.
 Bristow, Stephen.
 Brooker, John.
 Brooksby, William.
 Brown, John.
 Brown, Thomas George.
 Brown, James Thomas.
 Brown, William, *Upper Deal.*
 Brown, William, *Farrier Street.*
 *Brown, William, *Upper Walmer.*
 Browning, William.
 Brudenell, Thomas.

- Bullen, Edward.
 Bullen, John.
 Bullen, Robert.
 Bullen, Thomas.
 Burchett, John.
 Burley, Vallentine.
 Burnap, Frank.
 Burnap, Richard John.
 Burnap, William.
 Burns, John.
 Burton, George Richard.
 Burton, Thomas Aaron.
 Burton, William.
 Burton, Zachariah.
 Bushell, Henry.
 Bushell, John.
 Bushell, James.
 Bushell, William, *York Street*.
 Bushell, Walter Dixon.
 Bushell, William Wilkins.
 Busin, John.
 Butler, William.
 Butress, George.
 Butress, James Thomas.
 Butress, John Thomas.
 Butress, Thomas.

 Canney, Edward.
 Canney, George.
 Cannicut, Richard.
 Capps, John Hatch.
 Carlton, George.
 Carpenter, George.
 Carroway, Jeremiah.
 Carvey, Harry.
 Caspell, Frederick John Thomas.
 Campbell, Henry James.
 Castle, Joseph.
 Castle, James.
 *Castle, John.
 Castle, William.
 Cattermole, Henry.
 Cave, John.
 Cavell, Albert Alphonso.
 Cavell, Edward.
 *Cavell, Frederick.
 Chandler, Elgar.
 Chandler, James; *Nelson Street*.
 Chandler, James, Senior.
 Chandler, Thomas.
 Chapman, Henry.
 Chawner, Henry.
 Chidwick, Robert.
 Chittenden, James McCarthy.
 Claringbold, Alfred.
 Claringbold, Charles.
 Claringbold, Michael.
 Claringbold, Philip.
 Clark, James.
 Clayson, Haylor William.
 Clements, John.
 Clements, William.
 Cload, Alfred.
 *Cloke, Isaac.
 Clover, George.
 Coleman, Edward.
 Coleman, George.
 Coleman, Frederick.
 Coleman, James.
 Coleman, John.
 Collard, Charles.
 Collins, Edward Duncan.
 Cook, Henry.
 Cook, John.
 Cooper, Stephen.
 Constant, Thomas John.
 Corey, Richard.
 Corey, Thomas William.
 Corey, William Henry.
 Cork, Edward Henry.
 Cork, Thomas.
 Couldery, Robert Julian.

 Court, Henry.
 Cox, Thomas.
 Cox, John.
 Craker, John.
 *Cribben, Thomas, *Beach Street*.
 Cribben, Thomas, *Dolphin Street*.
 Cribben, George.
 Cribben, William.
 Crickett, Richard.
 *Cross, Robert.
 Cross, Thomas.
 Cuffley, Samuel.
 Curling, Alfred.
 Curling, Charles Henry.
 Curling, Edward Morris.
 Curling, Edward.
 Curling, Frederick.
 Curling, William, *Upper Deal*.
 Curling, William, *Milk Road*.
 Cushney, John.
 Cushney, William.

 Dadd, William.
 Darby, Edward Danby.
 Darby, Henry Hunter.
 Davidson, Joshua.
 Dawkins, George.
 Dawson, John.
 Dean, William.
 Dear, William.
 Denham, Joseph.
 Denham, Joseph Vincent.
 Denne, John.
 Denne, William George.
 Desormeaux, Thomas Walter.
 Dessent, John.
 *Devell, James William.
 Deverson, John.
 Deverson, William.
 Dewell, John.
 Dixon, Joseph.
 Dixon, Thomas.
 *Drayson, John.
 Drew, Edward William.
 Drew, Henry.
 Drew, John.
 Driver, George.
 Drury, Edward.
 Drury, William.
 Dryer, Frederick Charles.
 Duffy, Thomas.
 *Dunn, John.
 Dunn, William, *Upper Deal*.
 Dunn, William, *Beach Street*.
 Dunn, William Thomas.
 Durban, Henry Cavell.
 Durban, John.
 Durban, James.
 Durban, William.

 Eastes, Benjamin Silverster.
 East, Henry Ellis.
 East, William.
 Eastman, John.
 Ellen, David.
 Ellender, George.
 Ellender, Sampson.
 Elliott, George.
 Ellis, William.
 Elsdon, John.
 Elsdon, Thomas.
 England, Francis.
 Epps, George.
 Epps, Thomas.
 Epps, William.
 *Epps, William Edward.
 Epsley, George.
 Epsley, Thomas.
 Erridge, Henry.
 Erridge, James John.

Erridge, Ralph.
Erridge, Thomas.
Evans, Charles.
Ewell, Alfred.
Ewell, Fredrick.
*Ewell, Henry.

Farrier, Edward.
Farrier, George, *Sandwich*.
*Farrier, George, *Upper Deal*.
Farrier, George Edward.
Farrier, John.
Farrier, William.
Fear, George.
Ferrier, Robert.
Ferris, John.
Field, William.
Files, Stephen, *Middle Street*.
*Files, Stephen, *Durham Place*.
Files, Thomas Jarvis.
Files, John.
Finnis, George Wells.
Finnis, John.
Finnis, Ingram.
Finnis, John Belsey.
Finnis, Philip John.
Finnis, Thomas Hornsby, *Ivy Place*.
Finnis, Thomas Hornsby, "*The Fox*," *North End*.
Finnis, William.
Finnis, William Henry.
Fittall, George.
Firminger, Alfred.
Firminger, Edward Henry.
Firminger, Stephen.
Fisher, Frederick.
Flanders, Robert.
Flower, Henry Joseph.
Foord, Eldred.
Foster, David William.
Foster, Henry.
Foster, John.
Foulgate, William.
Foy, Charles.
Foy, James.
French, Herbert.
Friend, George.
Friend, John.
Friend, John George.
Friend, John William.
*Friend, Leonard Thomas.
Friend, Thomas.
Friend, William, *Ark Lane*.
Friend, William, *Exchange Street*.
Friend, William Benjamin.
*Friend, William Langley.
*Frost, William.
Futter, James.

Gambrill, Richard.
*Gambrill, Thomas.
Gardiner, Edward.
Gardiner, John.
Gibbens, John.
Gibbons, Richard.
Gibson, Edward.
Gilham, James.
*Gimber, William.
Gisby, James.
Goddard, Henry.
Goddard, Joseph.
Goddard, William.
Goldfinch, Charles.
Goldfinch, Edwin.
Goldsack, Henry.
Goldsack, Richard.
*Goodban, George.
Goodban, Stephen Arthur.
Goodban, Thomas.
*Goodbourne, Thomas.

*Goodchild, William Richard.
Gosley, James John.
Goss, Francis.
Goymer, John.
Goymer, Thomas Trott.
Grant, Henry.
Grant, John Chapman.
Grant, William.
*Graves, James.
*Graves, William.
Gray, George.
Greedy, Robert.
Greenland, John Edward.
Grigg, John G.
*Griggs, George.
Griggs, John.
*Gunner, William.
Gurr, John.

Hall, Charles, *North End*.
Hall, Charles, *Walmer Road*.
Hall, George Lancelot.
Hall, Henry.
Hall James.
*Hall, James Frederick.
Hall, Richard Alfred.
Hall, Thomas.
Hambrook, John.
*Hambrook, Edward Thomas.
*Hambrook, Thomas.
Hamilton, John.
Hamilton, Frank.
Hamilton, Charles.
Hammond, James.
Hammond, William.
Hanger, Edward.
Hanger, George N.
Hanger, Henry.
Hanger, John Gwillam.
Hare, Abraham Walker.
Hare, William.
Harbour, Robert.
Harlow, William.
Harris, Patrick.
*Harrison, Francis R.
Harrison, Henry.
Harvey, Hezekiah.
Harvey, James.
Harvey, Jesse.
Harvey, James Edward.
Hawkesworth, Samuel.
Hayman, John.
Hayman, Richard.
Hayman, Richard Henry.
Hayman, Robert George.
Hayman, William Henry.
Hayward, George.
Hayward, Henry.
*Hayward, Edward.
Hawkes, Thomas.
Hawkins, Andrew.
Helman, Thomas.
Helman, William.
Hendrick, William.
Hill, John.
Hill, Richard.
Hobbs, Charles.
Hobbs, David.
Hocken, John.
Hodges, John.
Hobday, William.
Hobday, George.
Hogben, John.
Hoile, Daniel.
Hoile, Edward.
*Hoile, Richard.
Hoile, Stephen, *Walmer Road*.
Hoile, Stephen, *Upper Deal*.
*Hoile, William, *pilot*.
Hoile, William, *Cambridge Road*.

Holborn, Robert Thomas.
 Holliday, John.
 Holliday, Edward.
 Holmans, Job.
 *Holness, George.
 *Holness, William.
 Holton, William.
 Hood, Robert.
 Hook, George.
 Hookham, Walter Thomas.
 *Hopkins, Henry.
 Horner, Benjamin.
 Honess, Frederick.
 Howard, William.
 Howlett, George.
 *Hougham, Edward.
 *Hougham, Edwin.
 Huckstep, Thomas.
 Hughes, John.
 *Hughes, Robert.
 Hubbard, Thomas.
 *Hull, William.
 Hunter, William.
 Hurren, John.
 Huson, Henry.
 Hutchinson, Thomas.
 Huxstep, Stephen.

Inkpen, Edwin.
 Irvine, William, *Coppen Street*.
 Irvine, William, *Oak Street*.

Jamieson, James John.
 Jarman, William.
 Jarvis, George Thomas.
 Jarvis, William.
 Jeffery, William.
 Jenner, George.
 Jennings, Edward.
 Jennings, John.
 Jezzard, George.
 Jezzard, Thomas.
 Job, William George.
 Job, Thomas.
 Johnson, Andrew H.
 Johnson, Fredrick George.
 Jolin, Edward.
 Jones, Thomas.
 Jones, Richard.
 Jones, Robert William.
 Jordan, Francis Edward.
 Jordan, James.
 Jordan, Richard.
 *Jordan, William, *Sandwich*.
 Jordan, William, *North End*.
 Joy, Silas George.
 *Jury, Edward.

Kemp, Edward.
 Kemp, George.
 Kemp, Henry.
 Kemp, Thomas.
 Kemp, William.
 *Kenney, Richard.
 Kent, Henry.
 Kenton, John.
 Kenton, William.
 Kerrison, William.
 Knight, James.
 Knight, John Thomas.
 Knight, Richard Valentine.
 Knowler, John.
 Knowler, William.
 Knowles, Henry.
 Korf, Frederick.

Ladd, John.
 Laggett, John.
 Laker, John.
 Laker, Stephen.
 Lambert, Adam Collord.
 Lambert, Richard John.
 Lambert, William Gray.
 Langley, George.
 Langley, George.
 Langley, James.
 Langley, John.
 Langley, Thomas, *Cannon Street*.
 Langley, Thomas, *Sandwich*.
 Larkins, Murray.
 Larkins, William.
 Langtree, James.
 Lawrence, George, *Sandwich*.
 Lawrence, George David.
 Lawrence, Henry.
 *Lawrence, Richard.
 Lawrence, Thomas.
 *Lawrence, William Bowling.
 Leach, Daniel.
 Ledner, James.
 Ledner, John.
 Lee, Charles.
 Lee, Frederick.
 Lee, Joseph.
 Lifford, Robert.
 Lincoln, Thomas.
 Line, Charles.
 Lock, George.
 Lock, William.
 Long, Baily.
 *Long, Charles.
 Long, Edmund Frederick.
 Longhurst, George.
 Longley, William.
 *Love, William.
 Lowndes, George.
 Loyns, Samuel.

Macey, Benjamin John.
 Macey, Edwin.
 Macey, George John.
 Macey, John William.
 Macey, William John.
 Mackie, Henry William.
 Mackie, William Burvill.
 Mackins, George Edward.
 Mackins, George Hills.
 Mackins, James Chapman.
 Mackins, John Thomas.
 Magee, George Pordige.
 Magee, William Pordige.
 Manning, Isaac.
 *Mannings, Thomas.
 Mantle, Stephen.
 Mantle, William.
 Marlow, James Thomas.
 Marsh, Henry, *Beach Street*.
 Marsh, Henry, *North Street*.
 Marsh, George Richard.
 Marsh, Joseph Gardner.
 Marsh, Thomas, *Dolphin Street*.
 Marsh, Thomas, *Lower Walmer*.
 Marsh, William.
 Marsh, Thomas, *Middle Deal*.
 *Marsh, William John.
 Marshall, William, "*Black Horse*."
 Marshall, William, *Duke Street*.
 *Mason, Thomas.
 Matthews, Jacob George.
 Matthews, Thomas.
 Maxfield, John.
 Maxted, George, *Watt's Alley*.
 Maxted, Joseph.
 Maxwell, Samuel.
 *May, Henry.
 May, Henry William.

May, Joseph.
 May, John.
 *May, John William Marsh.
 May, Thomas.
 Mead, Horatio.
 Meakings, George.
 Meakins, William.
 Medgett, Thomas.
 Mercer, Joseph.
 Middleton, Thomas.
 Miles, Frederick.
 Miles, Henry Wise.
 Miles, John Boakes.
 *Millard, Henry.
 *Millgate, John.
 Minter, Joseph.
 Moat, Alfred.
 Mockett, George.
 Mockett, Joshua.
 Mockett, Stephen George.
 Mockett, Thomas.
 Mockett, Nicholas.
 *Moore, Isaac.
 *Morris, Herbert Henry.
 *Morris, James.
 Mose, William James Jonathan.
 Moss, William Thomas.
 Myhill, Valentine.
 Mulliner, Richard.
 *Mummery, Charles.
 Mumbray, Charles.
 *Mumbray, John Marsh.
 *Mumbray, John Hadley.
 *Murphy, James.

 Nash, Mark.
 *Nash, Robert.
 *Neeve, George.
 Neeve, John.
 Neeve, Thomas.
 Neeve, Thomas Henry.
 *Newing, James.
 Newing, John, 47, *West Street*.
 Newing, John, 33, *West Street*.
 Newing, William.
 Newswain, Martin.
 Newton, Benjamin.
 Newton, Benjamin Wallace.
 Nicholas, James Robert.
 Noble, George.
 Noble, John.
 Norris, Alfred Henry.
 Norris, Edward.
 Norris, Grove Ralph.
 Norris, Henry Thomas.
 Norris, James.
 *Norris, Norris.
 Norris, Thomas.
 Norris, William, *Duke Street*.
 Norris, William George.
 Norris, Joseph.

 Oatridge, James.
 Oatridge, William.
 Obree, Frederick James.
 Obree, Thomas Richard.
 Offen, Cyprus.
 Oldfield, William.
 Orrick, Alexander Richard.
 Osborne, Stephen John.
 Osborne, William.
 Overton, James, *Coppen Street*.
 Overton, James, *Middle Deal*.
 *Overy, William Henry.
 Overy, William James.

 Page, Edward.
 Page, John.
 Paine, Edward.
 Paine, Edmund Joshua.
 Paine, George Edward.

Paine, George Mockett.
 Pantling, Charles.
 Parker, Benjamin.
 Parker, Edward Stephen.
 Parker, Harry.
 Parker, Joseph Elvery.
 Parnell, Thomas H.
 Parsons, Edward Frederick.
 Pay, John.
 Pearce, Charles.
 Pearson, George.
 *Pearson, John.
 *Pearson, Thomas.
 Penny, Thomas.

 Pettet, Alexander.
 Pettet, Edward.
 Pettet, Edward Clayton.
 *Pettet, George.
 Pettet, William.
 Penn, Robert.
 Phillips, George.
 Philpott, George, *Middle Street*.
 Philpott, Richard, *Middle Street*.
 Philpott, Richard, *Beach Street*.
 Philpott, Richard Charles.
 *Philpott, William.
 *Phippen, William.
 Philips, Thomas.
 Pierce, Edward.
 Pierce, Robert.
 Pilcher, Thomas.
 *Pitcher, George.
 *Pitcher, John.
 Pittock, James.
 Pittock, John.
 *Pittock, Robert.
 Pittock, Richard.
 Pittock, William, *Sandwich*.
 Plumbridge, James.
 Polman, George.
 Poil, John.
 Port, David.
 *Port, Thomas.
 Pott, George.
 Pott, John Henry.
 Pratt, Charles.
 Prescott, John Lawrence.
 Prescott, Richard Charles.
 Price, John.
 Price, James.
 Pritchard, Stephen.
 *Pysden, Richard.

 *Quested, William.

 Ralph, Thomas.
 Ratcliffe, Henry.
 Ralph, George.
 Ralph, James.
 Ralph, John James.
 Ratten, James.
 Rea, Edward.
 Read, George.
 *Read, Maris Henry.
 Read, Richard.
 Redding, Henry.
 Reed, James.
 Redman, Charles.
 Redman, George.
 Redman, Henry.
 Redman, John, *Wolseley Terrace*.
 Redman, John, *George Alley*.
 Redman, James Munday.
 Redman, Robert.
 Redman, Stephen.
 Redsull, Alfred Henry.
 Redsull, Edward, *Middle Deal*.
 *Redsull, Edward, *Exchange Street*.
 Redsull, Joseph Henry.

Redsull, Robert.
 Redsull, Thomas.
 *Revel, Henry.
 Revel, William.
 Reynolda, James.
 Reynolds, Jennings.
 Reynolds, John.
 Rich, Williams.
 Richards, James.
 Riches, James.
 Rigden, Augustus Longley.
 Rigden, John.
 Riley, Alexander.
 Riley, Richard.
 *Roberts, Charles N.
 Roberts, Henry.
 *Roberts, Henry Abraham.
 Roberts, John, *Sandown Cottages*.
 Roberts, John, *Foster's Alley*.
 Roberts, James Bryant.
 Roberts, John George Brown.
 Roberts, Richard William.
 Roberts, William.
 Roberts, William Thomas.
 Robinson, Edward William.
 Robinson, Richard.
 Robinson, William.
 Roche, James, junior.
 Rogers, Alexander.
 Rogers, Daniel.
 Rogers, George.
 Rogers, John, *Wellington Road*.
 *Rogers, John, *Sunnyside*.
 Rogers, Stephen.
 Romney, Edward.
 Romney, William.
 Rose, William.
 Rouse, James.
 Rouse, William.
 Rye, William.

Sackree, George.
 Scovell, Charles.
 Selth, Thomas Valentine.
 Selth, Valentine.
 Sharp, John.
 *Sharp, Richard.
 Shelvey, Daniel.
 Silk, Charles.
 *Simmons, Arthur Atkins.
 Simmons, George E.
 Simmons, James.
 Simmons, John, *Middle Street*.
 Simmons, John, *Farrier Street*.
 Simmons, William.
 *Simpson, George.
 Skardon, George, *High Street*.
 Skardon, George, *North Wall*.
 Skardon, Robert.
 *Skardon, Robert John.
 Skinner, George.
 Skinner, John Thomas.
 Sladden, Henry.
 Slaughter, Henry James.
 Small, William.
 Smith, Charles, *Blenheim Road*.
 Smith, Charles, *Upper Deal*.
 Smith, Clement.
 *Smith, Daniel.
 Smith, Gillinan.
 Smith, George.
 Smith, George Richard.
 Smith, James.
 Smith, James.
 Smith, Joseph.
 Smith, John.
 Smith, Thomas.
 *Smith, Robert Dawes.
 Smith, William Gilman.

Smith, Richard Dillnott.
 Smithers, Edward.
 Sneller, Samuel.
 Sneller, William, *Dolphin Street*.
 Sneller, William, *Beach Street*.
 Snelling, Isaac.
 Snoswell, Seth.
 Solley, Stephen John.
 Spain, Edward.
 Spain, Edmund Henry.
 Spain, Edward Thomas.
 Spain, Stephen Thomas.
 Spain, Thomas John.
 Spain, William.
 Sparks, Henry.
 Spears, George Frost.
 Spears, Henry.
 Spears, Richard.
 Spears, Thomas.
 Spears, William Frost.
 Spelling, Joseph.
 *Spicer, Frederick.
 Spicer, Henry, *senior*.
 Spicer, Henry, *junior*.
 *Spicer, James Arthur.
 Spicer, John Ralph.
 Spicer, James.
 Spicer, Stephen.
 *Spicer, Walter.
 Spicer, William.
 Spinner, George.
 Spinner, James.
 Sponder, Frederick.
 Spratling, Robert.
 Stanton, John.
 *Stevens, James.
 Stokes, Albert.
 Stokes, John Bradley.
 Stokes, Richard.
 Stokes, William.
 Stroud, John.
 Stunt, George, *Robert Street*.
 Stunt, George, *Lower Walmer*.
 Stupple, Henry.
 Styles, Thomas Heath.
 Styles, William.
 Sutton, George Lamby.
 Swain, Herbert.
 Sweetman, Thomas.
 *Tandy, John Robert Macey.
 *Tandy, Walter.
 *Tandy, William Thomas.
 Tapley, Edward.
 Tapley, Thomas.
 Tate, Robert.
 Taylor, John, *Upper Deal*.
 Taylor, John, *Robert Street*.
 Terry, Frederick.
 Terry, John.
 Terry, William.
 Theobald, Thomas.
 Thomas, John.
 Thompsett, Gilham, *Cannon Street*.
 Thompsett, Gilham, *53, West Street*.
 Thompson, George Freeman.
 Thompson, Richard.
 Thompson, William.
 Thurgood, James.
 Tinley, Joshua.
 Tinley, Joseph Joshua.
 Town, George, *30, High Street*.
 Town, George, *Sandwich*.
 Town, John.
 Town, William.
 Traps, Henry.
 Tremeere, William.
 Trigg, William.
 Trinder, John.
 Trott, Daniel.

Trott, John.
 Turner, Charles.
 Twyman, George.
 Twyman, William Thomas.
 *Tyler, William.

Uden, Thomas.
 Upton, Henry.
 Upton, Thomas.

Valder, Henry.
 Vale, Thomas.
 Verstage, Charles Edwin.
 Verstage, Charles John.

Wall, Frederick.
 Wallace, George.
 *Waller, Henry.
 *Waller, John Henry.
 *Walker, Henry.
 Walker, Henry.
 Wanstall, George.
 Wanstall, James.
 Wanstall, Stephen.
 Wanstall, Thomas.
 Ware, William.
 Warner, Frederick.
 Watts, Stephen Edward.
 Watts, William.
 Webb, Charles.
 Webb, Thomas.
 Webb, William.
 Weekes, James.
 Wellard, John Arrick.
 Wells, George William.
 *Wells, Henry.
 Wellspring, Barnabas.
 *West, George.
 Wheatley, William.
 White, Alfred Valentine.
 White, George Rumbolt.
 White, Harry Blown.
 White, James.
 White, Thomas.
 Whitnall, Daniel.
 Whitnall, Frank.
 *Whitnall, William.

Wilds, Robert George.
 Wilds, Richard.
 Wilds, Stephen.
 Wilkins, Henry.
 Willey, Simeon.
 Williams, Daniel, *Blenheim Road*.
 *Williams, George.
 Williams, Henry, *Upper Walmer*.
 *Williams, Henry, *West Street*.
 Williams, John, *Smith's Folly*.
 Williams, John, *Peter Street*.
 *Williams, Robert.
 Williams, Thomas.
 Williams, William.
 Willis, William.
 Wilmshurst, Frederick Francis.
 Wilmshurst, Thomas.
 Wilson, George.
 *Wilson, Richard.
 Wood, Arthur.
 Wood, Herbert Thomas.
 *Wood, John, *Sandwich*.
 Wood, John, *Walmer*.
 *Wood, William.
 Woodcock, George.
 Woodcock, John.
 Woodcock, Thomas.
 Woodlands, James.
 Wooden, James.
 Wooding, James Harris.
 Woodward, George.
 Worrels, Lewis.
 Wraight, George.
 Wraight, Henry.
 Wraight, Osbourne James.
 Wratten, James.
 *Wratten, John.
 Wratten, Thomas Marks.
 Wratten, Richard.
 Wratten, William, *32, West Street*.
 *Wratten, William, *49, West Street*.
 Wrighton, William.
 Wyborn, John.
 Wybourne, Richard Smith.

Young, George William.
 *Young, John.

SCHEDULE III.

TREATERS.

Allen, Thomas Winston.

Bailey, George, *Sandwich*.
Baker, Henry Minter.
Ballard, Edward.
Brett, James.
Bullen, William Thomas.
Bushell, James.

Coleman, Benjamin Longden.
Cork, Edward Henry.
Chittenden, James McCarthy.

Denne, Charles.
Denne, George Henry.
Durban, John.

East, Henry.
Edwards, James Barber.
Emmerson, Richard Joynes.

Fagg, William.
Finnis, Thomas Hornsby, "*The Fox*," *North End*.

Gillow, Richard.

Hills, Edwin.
Hogben, John.
Hooper, George.
Horne, James.
Hughes, William John.

Luff, Mary Ann.

Millen, Henry Edward.
Millen, John Bullock.

Norris, William George.

Outwin, John Thomas.

Pantling, Charles.
Pearson, Samuel.
Pierce, Robert.
Pritchard, Stephen.

Ralph, George.
Riley, William.
Roe, Edward Thomas.

Simmons, Daniel George Frederick.
Skinner, John Thomas.
Slaughter, Henry James.
Smith, Charles, *Upper Deal*.

Thompson, William.
Trigg, William.
Trollope, James.

Ward, Mrs.
Warner, Frederick.
Watts, William.
Woodruff, Thomas John.
Wybourne, Richard Smith.

SCHEDULE IV.

LIST OF PERSONS WHO WERE EXAMINED AS WITNESSES, BUT TO WHOM CERTIFICATES OF INDEMNITY HAVE NOT BEEN GRANTED.

Edwards, James Barber.
Gillow, Richard.
Mackins, John Thomas.
Mackie, William Burvill.
Olds, Samuel.

Porter, George Edward.
Rea, Edward.
Spears, Henry.
Wise, James.
Wood, Benjamin.

APPENDIX A.

RETURN OF EXPENSES ON BEHALF OF MR. CROMPTON ROBERTS, MAY, 1880.

	£	s.	d.
Agent's fee - - - -	210	0	0
Sub-agents - - - -	92	10	0
Cabs, railway fares, telegrams, &c. - -	224	5	4
Committee houses - - - -	527	1	3
Clerks and personation agents at central offices - - - -	125	14	4½
Ditto per Mr. Usher - - - -	370	0	0
Postages - - - -	22	18	5
Public meetings - - - -	29	17	0
Canvassers and messengers at Deal - -	468	1	0
" " at Sandwich - - - -	83	16	0
Bill posting - - - -	35	6	9
Clerks and messengers at Walmer - -	60	14	5
Boards and boardmen - - - -	139	19	2
Posting stations, poles, cordage, &c. -	279	19	9½
Printing and stationery - - - -	221	17	1
Personal expenses - - - -	106	13	2
Returning officer - - - -	70	8	3
Sundries - - - -	84	3	3
	3,153	5	3

(Signed) EDWIN HUGHES,
Election Agent.

Received by the Returning Officer,
August 2nd, 1880.

APPENDIX B.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION, MAY, 1880.

LIST OF CLAIMS AGAINST SIR JULIAN GOLDSMID,

(Handed to the Judges at the Trial of the Election Petition, August 6th, 1880.)

SANDWICH.				DEAL.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Public-house claims - - - -	-	-	-	Forester committee room - -	7	0	0
" Bell " hotel committee room -	17	0	0	" Port Arms " " - -	16	10	0
Other houses " " - -	28	0	0	" Friendly Port " " - -	3	0	0
Mrs. Hunter " " - -	10	0	0	Hayward, George " - -	5	0	0
				" Clarendon " tap " - -	7	0	0
Poles, banners, &c. - - - -	-	-	-	" Jolly Gardener " " - -	5	0	0
Fly hire and conveyance - - - -	-	-	-	" Railway Tavern " " - -	7	0	0
Bill posting - - - -	-	-	-	" Norfolk Arms " " - -	5	0	0
Out-voters' travelling fares - - - -	-	-	-	" Maxton Arms " " - -	5	0	0
Watchmen - - - -	-	-	-	" Victoria " " - -	5	0	0
Printing - - - -	-	-	-	" Fox " " - -	5	0	0
Registers of electors - - - -	-	-	-	" Deal Castle " " - -	5	0	0
Committee clerk - - - -	10	0	0	" Compasses " " - -	4	0	0
" " assistant - - - -	5	0	0	" Deal Cutter " " - -	5	0	0
				" Tally Ho ! " " - -	5	0	0
Messengers, polling and personation clerks -	35	0	6	Clayson's " - -	5	0	0
Flagmen - - - -	2	2	0	" Castle Inn " " - -	5	0	0
Personal expenses - - - -	48	17	3	" White Horse " " - -	5	0	0
Sundry expenses, special train to Deal, post-ages, telegrams, &c. - -	17	11	0	" Shah " " - -	3	0	0
Returning officer's expenses - - - -	100	0	0	" Park Tavern " " - -	5	0	0
Town clerk's fee (assumed) - - - -	25	0	0	Pritchard " Eagle " " - -	10	0	0
Agent's fee - - - -	100	0	0	King, J. J. " - -	5	9	0
	593	17	8	Woodward and assistant - -	17	4	0
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DEAL—continued.

	£	s.	d.	Per Mr. E. Cornwell :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
"South-Eastern Gazette," account address -	1	17	0	Messengers -	124	2	0			
"Chronicle" -	2	2	0	Personating agents, clerks, &c., guides, poll clerks, and committee room clerks -	61	17	6			
Dyason, saddler -	0	10	0	Out-voters (per T. C. Hall)	15	0	0			
Castle, bill -	2	2	0	Pilcher, special agent -	5	0	0			
Culmer, printer -	3	2	0	Bristow, flag-staff -	2	0	0			
Proprietor, "Mercury" address -	1	1	0	Goymer, services in committee room -	12	0	0			
Pittock, John, draper -	8	7	3	Woodcock, repairing lock -	0	5	0			
Smith, pail and brushes -	0	5	9	Postage stamps -	5	10	0			
Wellden, draper -	1	11	7	Petty cash, sundries -	13	1	6			
Baldwin, " -	7	9	6	Foresters' initiation fee -	0	10	6			
Clarabut, " -	5	8	0					249	6	6
Brook, flys -	1	6	0	Agent's fee -				125	0	0
Public rooms -	7	10	0							
Cottew, repairing wall, &c. -	0	19	6							
Brown, for preparing canvassing books -	14	0	0							
Making out strike lists for committee rooms -	10	0	0							
T. C. Hall, retainer fee -	52	10	0							
Bent, bill posting -	14	0	0							
Skinner, "Jolly Gardener" -	0	9	8							
"Windsor Castle," flag poles -	1	2	6							
Mrs. Dunn, milliner -	5	5	0							
A. W. King, disbursements in canvass -	3	13	4							
William White, work -	1	6	0							
Denne, central committee room refreshments -	174	6	5							
Mrs. Jones, milliner -	18	13	7							
Hayward, printer, account and supplement of paper of meeting -	52	18	4							
Friend, painter -	2	3	8							
Hancock, carriages -	32	15	0							
" " day of election -	22	18	0							
French, printer's bill -	31	13	3							
Philip Finnis, rope -	34	7	3							
George Finnis, rope -	32	17	6							
R. Gibbons, small poles -	15	19	11							
Pittock, draper -	21	15	6							
Redman, linings -	7	1	1							
Thompson, cord -	3	2	10							
Chittenden, ribbon and making -	3	10	0							
Verrier, rope -	1	7	8							
Clarabut, cambric, &c. -	7	7	6							
Britten, " -	2	2	2							
Nash, hire of capstan stand -	2	0	0							
Webb, refreshments -	7	0	0							
Woodcock -	0	10	0							
W. Ramell, painter -	53	0	0							
Baldwin, draper -	35	10	0							
Kingsford, twine and line -	2	8	8							
Bristow, hire of spars -	14	10	0							
Francis, draper -	9	10	0							
Dyason, line -	1	8	0							
Ralph, rope, &c. -	19	18	0							
Per Ramell :—										
Flag poles putting up, &c. -	118	0	0							
" " Prince of Wales Terrace -	25	0	0							
Pockett and Hougham out-voters -	7	0	0							
Watchers -	11	15	0							
Taking down staffs -	16	10	0							
Use of capstan ground and materials -	8	12	0							
Blocks, &c. -	1	7	0							
	188	4	0							

WALMER.

	£	s.	d.
1. Miller, account, carriages -	44	11	6
2. Hookham, painter -	9	12	0
3. Pearson, "Queen's Head," central committee rooms, and refreshments -	41	18	4
4. Bullen, "Lord Clyde," committee room and refreshments -	11	10	0
5. Axon, "Army and Navy," committee room and refreshments -	12	3	0
6. Morris, "Life Boat," committee room and refreshments -	11	19	6
7. Minter, "Drum," committee room and refreshments -	11	1	0
8. Dewell, committee room and refreshments -	12	8	0
9. West, "Wellesley Arms," refreshments -	18	19	4
10. Minter, Upper Walmer, carriages -	9	13	6
11. Knight, " -	2	7	0
12. Ayers, " -	4	13	0
13. Pointer & Co., drapers -	9	16	10
14. G. Woodcock, " -	2	17	9
15. C. M. Woodcock, " -	1	3	9
16. Beard, paper and envelopes -	0	17	8
17. Foreman, biscuits -	0	6	10
18. Loyns & Co., drapers -	3	12	3
19. Martin, for work -	2	15	0
20. Ansell, boards, &c. -	3	5	9
21. Hambrook, for work -	1	2	0
22. Webb, hire of shop -	0	15	0
23. Minter, fixing booth -	0	18	0
24. Verrier, rope for poles -	20	6	0
25. Trollope, hire of poles -	3	3	0
26. Simmons, paint -	1	8	4
27. Wiffen -	0	15	0
28. Golds & Co., Upper Walmer, drapers -	19	2	3
Mr. Rose, Walmer, account of sundries -	306	6	8
	£596	8	3

APPENDIX C.

RETURN OF EXPENSES ON BEHALF OF SIR JULIAN GOLDSMID, BART., MAY, 1880.

DEAL AND WALMER.				SANDWICH.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
For committee rooms—Deal -	54	0	0	Committee rooms -	55	0	0
" " —Walmer -	12	0	0	Conveyances and carriage hire -	10	18	0
Printer's bill, Hayward -	52	18	4	Printing, postages, telegrams, &c. -	38	1	11
Carriages, Hancock -	30	0	0	Railway fares -	8	0	0
Messengers, personating agents, committee rooms, clerks and assistants—Deal -	220	4	6	Messengers, polling and personating clerks, and watchers -	51	0	6
Walmer ditto -	69	18	10	Bill posting -	6	0	0
Postage stamps, &c. -	6	5	6	Canvassers and petty expenses -	40	0	0
	£445	7	2	Personal expenses -	48	17	3
				Returning officer -	70	8	3
				Agent's fee -	100	0	0
				Committee clerks -	15	0	0
					£443	5	11

Received by the Returning Officer, September 17th, 1880.

(Signed) EDMUND BROWN,
Agent for Election Expenses.

APPENDIX D.

RETURN OF EXPENSES ON BEHALF OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE E. H. KNATCHBULL
HUGESSEN AND MR. HENRY A. BRASSEY.

General Election, March 1880.

SANDWICH.			DEAL AND WALMER.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Griffin and Shaw and Sons, printing	11	3 9	Hayward, printer	22	8 6
Railway news, publishing addresses	2	2 0	Goymer, copy register	10	0 0
Woodruff, canvass books and services	9	5 0	French, register	4	2 2
Ewell, polling sheets, &c.	3	3 0	Willoughby, "Queen's Hotel"	13	18 6
Rose, canvass books and services	11	0 6	Denne, "Star and Garter Hotel"	13	11 6
Woodcock, polling sheets, &c.	9	9 0	Hancock, for carriages	9	14 0
Nazer, bill posting	2	0 0	Bent, bill poster	2	0 0
Hunter and Pearson, committee rooms	6	15 5	Preparing canvass books, circulars, addresses, making up and delivering addresses, &c.		
Woodruff, clerks, messengers, &c.	13	5 0	and preparing for election and incidental expenses	24	2 6
Filmer, "Bell Hotel"	34	12 1	Agency, Messrs. Mercer Edwards and Co.	100	0 0
Minter and Daniells, carriage hire	4	16 6			
Baker, stamps and petty disbursements	6	11 2			
	114	3 5		£199	17 2
Returning officer's expenses	49	19 0	Edmund Brown, Election Expenses Agent.		
Agency, Messrs. Emmerson & Co., Hugessen	100	0 0	Received by the Returning Officer, September 20th, 1880.		
The like " Brassey	100	0 0			
	£364	2 5			

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Town Hall, Deal, Tuesday, 5th October 1880.

From the Shorthand Notes of Messrs. Walsh and Sons, 17, Parliament Street, S.W.

FIRST DAY.

[The Secretary read the Commission.]

(Mr. Holl.) Gentlemen, my colleagues and myself have come here, under the authority of the Commission that you have just heard read, for the purpose of making enquiry into the manner in which the election for the Borough of Sandwich, which took place in May last, was conducted, and whether any corrupt or illegal practices were resorted to at that election. It is a duty imposed upon the Commissioners, and it is our intention, to make a strict investigation into the circumstances and details of all such practices, whether in the nature of direct bribery, or of undue or excessive payments in respect of the engagement of committee houses, or the employment of persons not legitimately required for the purposes of the election, done with a view of inducing the persons, to whom such payments were made, to vote a particular way, or for the purpose of inducing them to influence the votes of others. We shall endeavour in every instance to ascertain what was the real nature of the election, and upon such investigation we invite, and sincerely trust we shall have, the co-operation and assistance of all the inhabitants of the borough. It is of the utmost importance to all persons connected with the borough, whether voters or non-voters, that they should give, as soon as possible, to the Commissioners, or to their secretary, all the information in their power which may enable the

Commissioners to arrive speedily at a correct conclusion with regard to the matters into which they have to inquire, because this inquiry, as you are probably aware, is held at the expense of the borough, and the length of time that may be occupied in prosecuting such inquiry will mainly depend upon the assistance and the readiness with which persons may come forward to give us information, thereby enabling us to arrive at a correct conclusion as soon as possible. There is a further reason that I ought to state to you, and that is that the Commissioners are vested with very wide and stringent powers of dealing with all persons who refuse to answer, or withhold information, or do not make a full and true disclosure of all that is within their knowledge with regard to the proceedings at the election. Upon the other hand, with regard to all persons who do, according to the best of their ability, make full and true disclosure of what they know the Commissioners have the power to grant, and will grant, certificates protecting all such persons from any prosecution or penalties to which they might otherwise be exposed. I think I need only add this, that in regard to any persons who are not summoned, if they have any information to give, they can communicate with our secretary, and he will confer with them and give them every assistance. Having said thus much, we will now proceed to the business of the Commission.

THOMAS LYDDON SURRAGE sworn and examined.

1. (Mr. Holl.) You are the town clerk of Sandwich?—Yes.
 2. And have been so for a great many years?—Yes, more than 40 years.
 3. I need hardly ask you whether you are very well acquainted with the borough?—Yes, very well.
 4. I do not know whether your knowledge extends equally to the borough of Deal?—No, it does not, except
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as part of the parliamentary borough. I know nothing of the municipal part. As far as the parliamentary borough is concerned, of course, I am perfectly acquainted with it.

5. Can you tell me the extent of the parliamentary borough; what does it comprise?—It comprises the old seaport, now the borough, of Sandwich, and the two parishes of Deal and Walmer, which were added by the Reform Act—that is, as the borough is now constituted.

T. L. Surragé.

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6. Sandwich is a borough with a mayor and corporation?—Yes.

7. And Deal also has a mayor and corporation?—Yes.

8. And Walmer?—That is a mere parish; but it has a local board.

9. Who is the officer in that parish?—The clerk to the local board; and Deal, the officer is the town clerk.

10. Can you tell me what was the population of the parliamentary borough in 1861?—In 1861, 13,733.

11. And in 1871?—14,885.

12. That is the whole parliamentary borough?—Yes; but I may say that the next census will show a considerable increase.

13. Between 1861 and 1871 there was an increase of about 1,000?—Yes.

14. Do you think there will be as large an increase at the next census?—Yes, there will be a considerable increase. Deal and Walmer are growing year by year.

15. Can you tell me the number of the constituency upon the present register?—2,115; and the lists for the new register, recently revised, will show nearly 100 in excess; next time it will be about 2,200.

16. That, I presume, includes some persons who are entered twice?—Yes, undoubtedly.

17. Can you give any idea of the numbers who would be entered twice?—No, not to be of any use. I can give you the number presently that actually polled at the last election. At a guess I should say that you might take off a hundred for duplicate entries.

18. There will be some persons who are dead, or who have removed?—Yes, of course.

19. Do you think that 2,000 would be a fair estimate of the actual constituency?—Yes, something over 2,000.

20. (*Mr. Turner.*) At the present moment?—Yes, and that will be added to in a few months.

21. (*Mr. Holl.*) Can you tell me what numbers of the constituency are applicable to Sandwich, Deal, and Walmer, as distinguished from each other?—The Sandwich electors, 571; Deal, 1,233; Walmer, 311, making altogether 2,115.

22. How are the voters divided—some freemen, some occupiers?—Some freemen, some occupiers, and some lodgers.

23. I do not know whether you can tell us what proportion are rated as occupiers, what proportion as freemen, and what proportion as lodgers?—The total freemen are 143, Sandwich householders 442, and one lodger; Deal, 1,217 occupiers with three lodgers; and Walmer, 309 occupiers. If you wish it I could show you the numbers in by-gone years, and show the decrease of the freemen and increase of the householders.

24. Can you tell me the numbers who polled in the election for 1868?—I have got the total upon the register for 1868.

25. What was the constituency in 1868?—1,906.

26. What was the number for the Liberals?—In 1868, Hugessen 933, Brassey 923.

27. And for the Conservatives?—710. In that year the constituency rose very largely, in consequence of the household suffrage.

28. I do not think we need trouble you with that; it altered, of course, the constituency very considerably?—Yes, very considerably; we began under the Reform Act in Walmer with only 69, and there are now 309; and, with regard to Deal, we began with 357 and they have now risen to 1,217, so that the progress has been very great. Sandwich has remained just where it was, and Deal and Walmer have been progressing of late years very rapidly.

29. Can you tell me whether this is correct; population in 1831 12,183, and in 1832 electors 916?—1,008 I make it in 1831-2.

30. In 1861, what was the population?—13,733.

31. In 1868, what was the constituency?—1,906.

32. In 1871, what was the population?—14,885.

33. And in 1874, what was the constituency at the time of the election?—2,046.

34. The number of electors in 1880 was 2,115?—Yes, just so.

35. Tell me if this is a correct statement of the polling at the different elections from 1857 downwards—1857, Hugessen, Liberal, 547; Lord Clarence Paget, Liberal, 503; J. McGregor, Conservative, 322, and J. Lang, 24?—Yes.

36. In 1859, Hugessen, Liberal, 497; Lord Clarence Paget, Liberal, 458; Sir J. Ferguson, Conservative, 404, and W. D. Lewis, Conservative, 328?—Yes.

37. In 1859 there was a bye-election?—Yes.

38. And at that election Mr. Hugessen, Liberal, 463, and Mr. Ferguson, Conservative, 283?—No, 180 it appears from my papers. This was a bye-election upon Mr. Hugessen coming down for re-election after taking office, and probably many who voted for Sir J. Ferguson before thought it unfair to oppose Mr. Hugessen under such circumstances; this, I think, would account for the small number of votes recorded to Mr. Ferguson compared with the recent poll.

39. In 1865, Hugessen, Liberal, 494; Lord Clarence Paget, Liberal, 477, and Mr. Capper, Conservative, 413?—Yes.

40. In 1866 there was a bye-election, at which Mr. Capper, Conservative, polled 466, and Mr. Thomas Brassey 458?—Yes.

41. In 1868, Hugessen, Liberal, 933; Henry Brassey, Liberal, 923, and Baron de Worms, Conservative, 710?—Yes.

42. In 1874, Henry Brassey, Liberal, 1,035; Hugessen, Liberal, 1,006; H. Hallett, Conservative, 764, and H. S. Baillie, Conservative, 611?—Yes.

43. In 1880, April, Mr. Henry Brassey, Liberal, and Mr. Hugessen, Liberal, were unopposed?—Yes.

44. Then the election in May last, Mr. Crompton Roberts polled 1,145, and Sir Julian Goldsmid 705?—Yes.

45. Can you give me the returns of expenses for the election of 1868?—No, I have not got them; they were not returned, I believe. It was suggested to me yesterday that the law, perhaps, did not compel them to be returned at that time. I do not know how that is, but I have no returns for 1868.

46. Can you give me the returns for the expenses of the election for 1874?—I have them at my office. I did not know that they would be wanted to-day. I brought the expenses of the general election and the election of May, but I can send the others to you, if necessary.

47. Be so good as to make a note to let us have the returned expenses for the election of 1874. What were the returned expenses at the unopposed election in 1880?—There are two returns, one for Deal and Walmer, and one for Sandwich. The Deal and Walmer summary is 199l. 17s. 2d.

48. Can you give us the items of that?—The abstract will be sufficient, I suppose. Printing and posting, 28l. 10s. 8d.; hotel accounts (personal), 27l. 10s.; carriage hire, 9l. 14s.; preparing canvass books, circulars, addresses, advertisements, and delivering and postages, 34l. 2s. 6d.; agency, 100l.; making a total of 199l. 17s. 2d.; that is for Deal and Walmer. The vouchers are here also. Then the Sandwich abstract gives a total of 364l. 2s. 5d., and the items are Griffin and Shaw and Sons, printing, 11l. 3s. 9d.; Railway news, publishing addresses, 2l. 2s.; Woodruff, canvass books and services, Sandwich, 9l. 5s.; Ewell, polling streets, &c., 3l. 3s.; Rose, canvass books and services, Walmer, 11l. 0s. 6d.; Woodcock, polling streets, &c., 9l. 9s.; Nazer, bill posting, 2l.; Hunter and Pearson, committee rooms, 6l. 15s. 5d.; Woodruff, clerks, messengers, &c., 13l. 5s.; Filmer, "Bell" hotel, 34l. 12s. 1d.; Minter and Daniels, carriage hire, 4l. 16s. 6d.; Baker, stamps and petty disbursements, 6l. 11s. 2d.; returning officer's expenses, 49l. 19s.; agency, Messrs. Emmerson and Co., Hugessen, 100l.; the like, Brassey, 100l.; making altogether, 364l. 3s. 5d.

49. What are the principal trades or industries of Sandwich?—Of course the usual retail trade of a country town with a large market. Besides that, there is a large timber yard, a tannery, a large corn stores, and two breweries. The principal and substantial trade is upon the river; there are considerable imports of timber, coals, and corn in the course of a year. It supplies a large part of the district with coal.

50. Have those imports been upon the increase or decrease of late years?—I think they have been pretty stationary for some time. Sometimes a little more and sometimes a little less.

51. Have you the vouchers for the expenditure?—Yes (*handing a bundle of papers*); they were all sent in to the returning officer.

52. Are there any manufactories at Sandwich?—No, nothing that you can call a manufactory; there is an ironfoundry and things of that kind upon a moderate scale.

53. Is there a manufactory in the sense I mean?—No, perhaps it could hardly be called that; it makes things for the neighbourhood.

54. Can you tell me what are the principal industries of Deal?—No, I know nothing about that; with regard

to that I would prefer referring you to the town clerk of Deal. I know nothing about it, except as a casual observer. Of course we all know that Deal is connected with the shipping in the Downs from all nations.

55. You know nothing in detail at all?—No. I know it is increasing from what one sees going on in buildings.

56. Are there many manufactories in Deal?—I really do not know.

57. And I suppose you would give the same answer in regard to Walmer?—Yes, all I know is that I have seen Walmer growing from a seaside village to a rapidly increasing watering place, and at the present moment it is likely to increase very much.

58. What are the principal classes of voters at Sandwich?—There are the old freemen, who have dwindled down very much to a low figure.

59. I believe you say there are now 143?—Yes. In 1832 there were 1,000. The Reform Act knocked off so many, and put on so many householders in Deal and Walmer.

60. How many of the freemen reside in Sandwich?—All within seven miles; there are a few at Ramsgate, a few at Walmer, and 13 at Deal.

61. Do the majority reside at Sandwich?—Yes, the large majority. Many of them are very respectable householders, but there is a residuum of course of poor men.

62. What proportion would you term respectable householders, and what proportion poor men?—Really I am afraid to give an estimate.

63. Can you give any idea at all?—No; no one knows less about it than myself perhaps.

64. How many freemen are householders?—I could not say without going through the list.

65. Should you say more than 15 or 20?—Yes, I should think the large majority are householders.

66. There are not, I believe, upon the list as householders more than 15 or 20?—Yes, I should think so. You may take it generally; I think that the larger part of the freemen are householders, but I am not prepared to give the exact figures without going through the list. If you consider it of importance I could do it afterwards.

67. All those that are householders would appear upon the list as occupiers?—Yes.

68. So that we could ascertain it by examining the list?—Yes, just so; though a person who does not know the names might be puzzled, because there are many families of the same name.

69. To what trade or occupation do the voters as a class principally belong; are they tradesmen and publicans?—Of course there are a great many tradesmen and publicans, some independent gentlemen, and a great many of the working classes.

70. Would the larger portion be amongst the tradesmen of the place?—I should think the tradesmen, and the upper class of artizans and working men. With regard to the publicans you will have a return of them by-and-bye I suppose.

71. With regard to the freemen how are they admitted, by payment is it?—The fee is nominal, I believe about 6d. for birth. The Mayor holds a court every year to admit those who claim, if they prove their claim they are admitted, but there are only two or three a year.

72. Are the freedoms taken up politically at all?—No, not at all; they were in former years. Looking back to the report I observe that before the Reform Act some 40 or 50 were admitted after the issue of the writ, and before the day of the election three or four successive courts were held, day after day, to admit freemen, but that is all gone by, the Reform Act having stopped it all. I could give you, if you wish it, the last poll, before the Reform Act, of freemen alone.

73. I do not think that is very important. How many polling districts are there in Sandwich?—Two.

74. In Deal three?—Yes; and Walmer one.

75. Can you give the area, in acreage, of the borough of Sandwich?—No, I have not the area here, but I can give it to the secretary if you desire it.

76. And can you give Deal and Walmer respectively as well?—I daresay I could obtain it in some way.

77. Be so good as to send to the secretary the area for each. What is the distance from Sandwich to Deal?—About six miles; seven miles we call it.

78. And from Deal to Walmer?—About two miles; but of course it depends upon the part of the parish you go to, because some part of the parish of Walmer

adjoins Deal. Walmer is within seven miles of the borough of Sandwich, or else the freemen could not vote.

79. How is the municipality of Sandwich constituted?—A mayor, aldermen, and burgesses.

80. How many aldermen?—Four.

81. And how many town councillors?—Twelve.

82. Are the municipal elections political?—No, not at all.

83. Do you know how they are now divided at Sandwich?—Do you mean the council as regards politics?

84. Yes?—I do not know at all; but I may say this, we know nothing of politics in the council. You may take as an off-hand statement that the majority is Liberal at this moment.

85. You say that the contests for the municipal offices are not in any way political?—No, they are not.

86. Do you know, with regard to Deal, how that is?—No, I know nothing about it. We have had no municipal contests in Sandwich since 1875.

87. (*Mr. Turner.*) They have been re-elected without contests?—Yes.

88. (*Mr. Holl.*) With regard to Deal, of what does the Corporation consist?—The town clerk will give you all that information.

89. Can you tell me what the number of public-houses is in Sandwich, licensed and unlicensed?—Mr. Emmerson, the clerk, is here and will give you the exact particulars.

90. Can you tell me who are the active leading Conservatives in Sandwich; first of all, is there a Conservative Association?—I really do not know, I believe there is something in a very small way, but I do not have anything to do with politics myself, and any opinion that I gave you would be merely that of an outsider altogether.

91. Do you know whether there is a Conservative Association?—No, but I know there is some kind of committee where a few gentlemen meet together.

92. No place of meeting?—I am not aware of it; they do meet sometimes and talk over their affairs, but what they call themselves I do not know at all.

93. Can you say who are the leading active Conservatives; who do you look upon as the leading Conservative in the place?—I should be rather puzzled to say just now, because some of the old gentlemen have gone, and who their successors are I do not know, I think I might give one as Mr. Frank Baker, he is a comparatively young man and has recently come into the Conservative ranks.

94. Of whom else can you think?—I happened to see the other day about the election, Mr. W. J. Hughes, a grocer in Sandwich.

95. Can you tell me any other who by repute you know as an active man among the Conservatives?—No, it does not occur to me at this moment; in fact I have been obliged to fetch this up. At this moment no other name occurs to me.

96. Who would you look upon as the leading Liberals; first of all, is there a Liberal Association?—No, I think not in Sandwich, they meet in the same way as the others do, but there is not an association, it is a sort of committee I think.

97. Who are the leading Liberals?—I do not know that there is any man who takes any particularly strong part in it; I think I might name a Mr. Harrison for one.

98. What Harrison is that, what is his Christian name?—Mr. Robert Harrison.

99. Do you know what he is?—He is in the corn trade.

100. Does he live in Delph Street?—Yes, that is the one.

101. Who else can you mention?—I think a nephew of his has come forward lately, Mr. Richard Collard, but I really keep myself so entirely aloof from these parties that I know nothing about it.

102. You do not mix yourself up with them, but I thought it probable that you might know the leading men by repute?—If I thought it over I might know more about it.

103. Does anybody else occur to you at this moment?—No, not at this moment.

104. Do you know anything about the political organization at all, do you know whether there are ward committees?—There are no ward committees, because

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there are no wards. I think you may take it that there is a sort of open committee on each side.

105. Had they district committees at the last election?—No, I think not, it is so small a place that I should think not.

106. Have you heard of any illegal or corrupt practices occurring in the Borough of Sandwich in this last election?—None whatever to my knowledge. Of course I have heard gossip in the streets.

107. Had you heard anything of the kind spoken of before the election petition was tried?—No, nothing at all substantially.

108. You had heard some rumours?—I heard gossip in the streets occasionally, and I heard some wonderful stories occasionally, quite incredible on the face of it. I heard nothing in any tangible shape or form at all.

109. What was it you did hear, anything about excessive payments to persons?—All sorts of things. I really do not know anything about it.

110. I understand you to say you know nothing at all about it, but what were the rumours or gossip that you heard?—There was a rumour that there was a great deal of money spent, and I believe that was true, and that is all I know, in fact it was evident to the eye in the shape of flags, public-houses, and so on, and people running about the streets, who were all paid more or less.

111. Was the excitement as regards flags, public-houses, carried to a greater extent than at previous elections?—Yes, I think it was.

112. In what other way was it patent to the eye that a good deal of money was being spent?—There were a good number of flags flying especially over here, very handsome flags indeed, which must have cost a good deal of money, in point of fact people came over to see them. There were a great many flying in our place.

113. Were there more at Deal?—Yes, more at Deal and Walmer, there was quite a show of flags over here, and very handsome ones.

114. I understand you to say that was done to a considerably greater extent than you had ever known it before in your knowledge?—If I went back a good many years I would not say so, because we used to have wonderful shows years ago, before the Act putting down flags and banners came into operation; before that time we had most wonderful shows, worth seeing, flags, banners, and rosettes, to an enormous extent.

115. I understand you to say that you have seen nothing like this since the Act passed?—No, nothing like it; but before that the show was worth coming to see.

116. Was there any other respect in which you noticed a good deal of money being spent? Did you notice anything in regard to the number of persons employed in canvassing?—No, I know nothing about that. I saw a good many people running about the streets in Deal one day, but I know nothing about those that were employed. I should not think, as far as I know about it, that there was any excessive employment in Sandwich. I did not see the streets crowded with those people more than usual; they always have a lot of hangers-on in the shape of agents, touters, canvassers, and so on.

117. Were there any great number of boys with boards?—I happened to be in Deal one day and saw a procession of boys with boards; they attracted my notice on account of the curiosity of the thing.

118. Was there much of that kind of thing in Sandwich?—No, I did not see any.

119. Do you know whether a large number of conveyances were employed at the time of the election?—I should think not at Sandwich, because there are not many conveyances there. I think all were employed that could be obtained, but I should think there would be many more at Deal and Walmer.

120. It is not a very long distance to walk from one end of Sandwich to the other, is it? How long would it take you?—Perhaps seven or eight minutes; you may say 10 minutes.

121. And across it?—About the same I should say.

122. I think you say it has not been, in your knowledge, usual at previous elections for the last 15 or 20 years to have so many flags or public-houses?—I do not know much about the public-houses, but I may say that I have not seen so many flags for a number of years. The practice has been growing up the last two or three elections, and when once anything of that kind grows it grows fast. For some time after the passing of the Act we saw nothing of colours except a few put up at people's private expense.

123. Do you think the constituency look for a thing like a large number of public-houses being engaged and a large number of flags?—I do not think that the constituency care much about the public-houses, though no doubt the publicans do; but I do think that a constituency of this kind is very much pleased with a lot of flags flying; at all events, the agents think so, because they go into that line pretty strongly. When it is done upon one side they must do it upon the other or they do not stand a fair chance.

124. Had Mr. C. Roberts many?—Yes, of course.

125. And you think that the constituency like to have that kind of employment given to them?—One class do.

126. What class would that be?—I think with regard to all these questions you would obtain much safer answers from those who are concerned in working the elections, because I know nothing but what I see in going along the street. Undoubtedly a large number of people do look for employment at the time of the election.

127. The flags are not carried about the streets I think, but are erected upon poles?—Yes, they are erected upon poles principally. I do not think any were carried about the streets in Sandwich, though there may have been some over here.

128. Do you think there is a certain class of the constituency who look to be employed and who look to having poles and flags, and so on, with a view to getting employment upon that kind of work?—Yes, there is a great many people hanging about, and they look for employment of any kind; that is the case anywhere, I believe, so that I can make the observation generally.

129. There were in Deal, were there not, a very large number of flags and poles?—Yes, I may say so at once, because I happened to see them. I heard of it and came over to see the sight one morning. I came over to make arrangements for the polling and I was surprised and to some extent pleased by seeing such a display of flags and banners of an ornamental nature, because it was rather amusing to go along the street and count them. All along the beach at the end towards Deal and Walmer there was a vast amount of bunting put up and some of it at very considerable expense.

130. Had you known Mr. Roberts in Sandwich the year before the election?—No.

131. I may take it that he was a stranger to the place?—Yes; when he called upon me and left his card I happened to be engaged and gave him an unceremonious answer, and afterwards I ascertained it was the candidate.

132. When did he call upon you?—I forget the date now, but it was the first day he appeared in Sandwich.

133. Can you give me about the date?—No, not at this moment. I see that the writ was issued upon the 11th of May, and he was down a week or ten days before that—a week perhaps.

134. He would probably call upon you as far as you can judge about a week before that?—Yes, about a week before that. I do not know how long he had been at Deal, but I do not think it could have been above a day or two.

135. I do not know whether you have the means of ascertaining exactly the day he called upon you?—I think I can by referring, not to my diary, but to things that occurred at the time. I have no distinct memory of the date, but other things may bring it to my recollection.

136. If you can kindly send the expenses return for 1874?—I will look at all the papers.

137. And when you send us the return for 1874, can you send us the vouchers as well, sealed up?—I will send you anything I have. I believe I have the vouchers. I know I have the returns for I have looked at them. I will send everything of that kind I can find.

138. If you have the vouchers for 1874, perhaps you will let us have them sealed up?—Yes, I will, if I have them.

139. Were there a large number of rosettes displayed; were people wearing colours to any great extent?—I did not see any great number of rosettes myself.

140. Neither at Sandwich, nor Deal and Walmer?—No. There were some about, I know, but not to any great extent; not any great number. It was said before, in former years, that every one wore a rosette, men, women, and children.

141. We see that in the 1874 election there was a considerable majority for the Liberal candidate, above 300; can you account at all for the very considerable

majority that Mr. Roberts had over the Liberal candidate?—No, I cannot.

142. It was a majority of 440?—Yes. I was much surprised myself with the result. I would not believe the figures when they came out.

143. And you are unable to account for it?—Yes. On that very morning my idea, as an outsider, was that it was a very close run, and thought it my duty to advise the returning officer that in the case of a tie he had got a casting vote, and he had better think about what he would do. It turned out to be a majority of 400 odd, so that I was quite out of the running. I knew nothing at all about it.

144. You cannot give us any reason to account for it, or in any way account for it yourself?—I should say, simply, as a man of the world, that the fact that Mr. Crompton Roberts was here for a full week before anybody else appeared had something to do with it. The people on the other side failed to find a candidate, nobody appeared, and common sense tells one that had a great deal to do with it.

145. Did that to some extent influence it?—Undoubtedly. I should say so as a man of the world.

146. Do you think that alone would account for 700 difference between the last election and the election of 1874?—It would not be so much as that.

147. There was in 1874 a majority of 300 for the Liberal candidate, and of 400 for the Conservative candidate in 1880, a difference of 700?—Half that number of voters going from one side to the other would do it.

148. You think that had a good deal to do with it, do you?—There was some little change in political feeling, I believe. Some people on the Liberal side said there was a decided change. I should doubt that as far as regards a decided change, but I should think there was some change of political opinion, but not to the extent of 700. I know Mr. Crompton Roberts' people said there was a large change. Any man in the field for a week, with an active set of agents about, and spending money, of course advances his position.

149. When were the expenses for the unopposed election returned?—Recently, perhaps a fortnight ago; the 23rd of September, I think.

150. Do you know at all how it happened they were not returned before?—No, I do not. I apprehend they were not made out.

151. When was the return made of the May election on behalf of the Conservative candidate. First of all, do you produce the return of the expenses of Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes. Do you want the vouchers handed in?

152. Yes, the vouchers and the returns?—Very well. *[The same were produced and handed to the secretary.]* The secretary has been all through those and they are now just as he arranged them. I see the return was received on the 2nd of August, the vouchers came a day or two after that.

153. I think that was the last day, was it not?—No, it was far out of date. It is dated somewhere in the middle of July, but received on the 2nd of August.

154. There is a memorandum, "Received on 2nd of August. Bills and vouchers received on 4th of August"?—That is correct. The return is dated some fortnight before. That might have been in time, but I do not know exactly.

155. This is the return "Borough of Sandwich, Deal, and Walmer. Election 1880. Expenses paid on behalf of Mr. Crompton Roberts. Agents fee, 210*l*. Sub-agents, 92*l*. 10*s*. Cabs, railway fares, telegrams, &c., 224*l*. 5*s*. 4*d*. Committee houses, 527*l*. 1*s*. 3*d*. Clerks personation agents at central offices, 125*l*. 14*s*. 4½*d*. Ditto per Mr. Usher, 370*l*. Postages, 22*l*. 18*s*. 5*d*. Public meetings, 29*l*. 17*s*. Canvassers and messengers at Deal, 468*l*. 1*s*. Ditto at Sandwich, 83*l*. 16*s*. Ditto at Walmer, 60*l*. 14*s*. 5*d*. Bill posting, 35*l*. 6*s*. 9*d*. Boards and boardmen, 139*l*. 19*s*. 2*d*. Posting stations, poles, cordage, &c., 279*l*. 19*s*. 9½*d*. Printing and stationery, 221*l*. 17*s*. 1*d*. Personal expenses, 106*l*. 13*s*. 2*d*. Returning officer, 70*l*. 8*s*. 3*d*. Sundries, 84*l*. 3*s*. 3*d*. Total, 3,153*l*. 5*s*. 3*d*." That was received by the returning officer on the 2nd of August, and the bills and vouchers for these disbursements were received by you on the 4th of August you say?—Yes, in a separate parcel.

156. When did you first receive any return on behalf of the Liberal candidate, Sir Julian Goldsmid?—On the 20th of September. I should state that Her Majesty's judges called upon the agents for their accounts just as they stood. They sent for them, and they were then

impounded by the judges and handed by them into my custody. I suppose I am quite right in handing them

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157. These were the vouchers handed in by the Liberal agent to the judges at the trial of the election petition?—They were.

158. And then impounded and handed to you?—They were called for, the agent was sent back to get them, and they were handed in to the judges, and impounded by the judges, and given to me to keep.

159. And these are them?—Yes.

160. And the return, as they were delivered to you upon the election petition?—Yes, I had them from the judges themselves. I have since got their own returns from the parties, but these were papers taken out of their hands by the judges.

161. These were the papers handed in by the Liberal agent at the trial of the election petition?—Yes, the judges called for them and impounded them.

162. And since then, on the 20th of September, you have got the return of the expenses from the Liberal agent?—Yes, the regular return.

163. Did you receive any further vouchers with that return?—They are all here.

164. And they came, when?—Deal and Walmer return came on the 20th of September; Sandwich on the 23rd, and they contain all the vouchers.

165. And these are the vouchers that accompanied that return?—Yes, all the vouchers that accompanied that return.

166. There was a separate summary for Sandwich and for Deal and Walmer?—Yes. This is the abstract for Deal and Walmer, "Borough of Sandwich, Deal, and Walmer, Parliamentary election, May 1880. Sir Julian Goldsmid, Baronet. Expenses paid on behalf of the above candidate. For committee rooms, Deal 54*l*., Walmer 12*l*. Printer's bill, Hayward, 52*l*. 18*s*. 4*d*. Carriages, Hancock, 30*l*. Messengers, personating agents, committee rooms' clerks and assistants, Deal, 220*l*. 4*s*. 6*d*. Ditto, Walmer, 69*l*. 18*s*. 10*d*. Postage stamps, &c., 6*l*. 5*s*. 6*d*. Total, 445*l*. 7*s*. 2½*d*." That is signed by the election expenses agent. Then this is the abstract of expenses for Sandwich, "Sandwich. Committee rooms "Bell" hotel, 17*l*. Ditto per Mr. Coleman, as per list, 28*l*. Ditto per Mr. Hunter, 10*l*. Conveyances and carriage hire, 10*l*. 18*s*. B. Grey, bill posting, 4*l*. Dennis, ditto, 2*l*. Out-voters railway fares, 8*l*. Coleman, for watchers, 16*l*. Printing and registers of electors, 20*l*. 10*s*. 11½*d*. Committee and assistant committee clerks, 15*l*. W. W. Woodruff for messengers, polling and personating clerks, 35*l*. 6*s*. Coleman, for canvassers, disbursements, and petty expenses, 40*l*. Personal expenses "Bell" hotel, 48*l*. 17*s*. 3*d*. Special train to Deal, postages, telegrams, &c., 17*l*. 11*s*. Returning officer's expenses, 70*l*. 8*s*. 3*d*. Agent's fee, 100*l*. Total, 443*l*. 5*s*. 11½*d*." That is signed by the agent, Edmund Brown.

167. Perhaps to-morrow you will be able to let us have the returns of the expenses in 1874?—Certainly. I will send them to the secretary in the course of to-morrow.

168. (*Mr. Jeune.*) As far as you could see was there any treating at Sandwich at the last election?—I do not know at all, but I should say not. I never heard of any.

169. Were any of the public-houses open?—Not what we used to call being open in the old fashioned way. I saw very little going on in the public-houses except bills being kept in the window.

170. Were there crowds round any of the public-houses during the election?—I saw none at Sandwich.

171. You live at Deal, do you?—I live at Sandwich, I was only at Deal occasionally.

172. Were you at Deal on the day of the election?—I came to the polling booth to see all was going on right.

173. Was there any drunkenness that you saw at Sandwich or Deal?—I saw no tipping at all. It seemed a very quiet election as far as regards noise and drink.

174. You thought as regards noise and crowds and so on it was a quiet election rather than otherwise?—Decidedly so. Much quieter than the elections some years ago, which were wonderfully noisy.

175. As regards the flags, before the Act there always used to be, both at Sandwich and Deal, a great display

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of that kind of thing?—A great display, especially rosettes; everyone had a coloured rosette or cockade.

176. The Act was in 1854, was it not?—Somewhere about that, I think.

177. The effect of that Act was to put down that kind of thing for a time, was it?—I think so.

178. Of late years you think it has been rather growing up again?—Well, candidates were rather glad to save the expense, and I presume made that an excuse for not doing so; but at last one was given, and another, and so the thing has grown up.

179. And of late years you think it has been growing again?—Very slightly till the last election. There were always flags more or less. Private individuals always supplied flags of their own. There were always some flags, but not in the large lavish way you are now speaking of.

180. I think you told us that the municipal contests in Sandwich are not political?—Certainly not.

181. Indeed, you have had no municipal contest there since 1875 at all?—No; for five years we have had none.

182. Was there a contest in 1875?—Yes, there was one in November 1875.

183. Was that a single contest, one against one, do you happen to remember?—No; it was the annual election. There were four vacancies, and there were eight candidates, and it is very singular, but I see the four successful candidates were two Liberal and two Conservatives; that is, taking them by repute, of course.

184. And last November there was no contest at all?—No contest at all.

185. Someone else will tell us about Deal. You do not know?—No.

186. You were going to give us the voting areas of Sandwich, Deal, and Walmer?—I will give you Sand-

wich, and try and get the others. No doubt Mr. Mercer the town clerk, will be able to give you that at once.

187. As far as regards Sandwich, there was no necessity to employ conveyances for voters at all I suppose?—Anybody not very infirm could get there. The polling booth was about the centre of the town. There were a few infirmities.

188. But all the conveyances that could be got were taken?—I really do not know; but I believe that was the fact. The Liberal committee room was opposite the polling booth, and I saw two cabs standing there a good part of the day, doing nothing apparently.

189. At the election before, were the conveyances employed more than they were at this election? I mean the contested election in 1868. Were there more conveyances for voters then than this election?—I think not.

190. About the same?—I did not see very much conveyance of voters at Sandwich. Some people are always glad to ride at election times. I saw them about the streets, but nothing to observe upon in that way. In these towns they have not many conveyances, and unless they go outside and hire them, they cannot get a great number.

191. (*Mr. Holl.*) You say that after the Act passed, candidates were glad to get rid of the expense of flags and colours?—I only suppose so. They are very happy to make an 'excuse of that kind when asked for these things, and I can easily imagine they made that excuse.

192. How do you account for its growing up again?—There are always some people—zealous people—who will have their own rosettes, cockades, and so, and one little thing leads to another; but whether of late years, before the last election, any were provided by the candidates, I really do not know. There was nothing to notice until this election with regard to colours. There were flags flying. People put up their own flags.

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S. Spofforth.

193. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are, I believe Mr. Crompton Roberts' private solicitor?—I am.

194. And I think you have been so for a good number of years?—20 years.

195. Of course Mr. Crompton Roberts, as we know, is a man of very large fortune?—Of considerable fortune.

196. I think Mr. Roberts consulted you before he saw Mr. Hughes?—He did.

197. Did you introduce Mr. Hughes to him?—He was mentioned to me by persons who recommended him as a good election agent.

198. And then you put Mr. Hughes and Mr. Crompton Roberts into communication?—Quite so.

199. And except that had you anything to do with the conduct of the election. I do not mean with the election petition but the election itself?—Nothing whatever.

200. You had nothing whatever to do with the money which Mr. Crompton Roberts found and Mr. Hughes spent, or anything of that sort?—Nothing whatever.

201. Had you anything at all to do with the election until the election petition was presented?—Nothing save introducing my client to Mr. Hughes or Mr. Hughes to my client, which I have already stated.

202. When the election petition was presented, then Mr. Crompton Roberts came to you again as his solicitor to act for him?—Certainly.

203. When was the election petition presented—the election was on the 18th May?—Yes.

204. And the election petition was presented when?—I cannot tell you the date of the petition at this moment.

205. At any rate that was the time that Mr. Crompton Roberts came back to you, and you began of course then to investigate the question?—Yes, I have the petition here, but it does not seem to be dated. I cannot exactly say at what date it was served.

206. At any rate that was the time when Mr. Crompton Roberts came back to you, and after that no doubt you got a copy of the petition and a copy of the particulars?—Yes.

207. And I suppose you went down to Sandwich, either before or after the particulars were delivered, and you went into the matter?—To Deal more especially, I was down some three or four times—three times certainly after the filing of the petition and before the hearing.

208. First of all, as regards the case against Mr. Crompton Roberts, of course you looked into the charges that were made, founded upon the particulars?—I did.

209. And you prepared your brief I suppose?—Yes.

210. And you have the brief here?—Yes.

211. I think we should like to have it?—I know very well what the decisions of the Commissioners have been in other Commissions, and I think it is no use my wasting the time of your Honours by objecting, but in justice to my client, and also in justice to myself as a professional man, and personally I do not wish it to be said that I have been guilty of any breach of confidence to a third party, or that I have at all disclosed anything to third parties in this investigation, therefore, if I do hand over these papers, I must do it on your Honours' order, so that my client's privilege and my own, if I may be allowed to ask it, may be preserved as much as possible. If your Honours order me to hand over these papers I will do it.

212. (*Mr. Holl.*) We quite appreciate your view, Mr. Spofforth, and the motive that has actuated you, but we think there is no doubt whatever that legally the papers ought to be handed over?—I bow to your Honour's decision—there they are (*the same were handed to the Secretary*). There is another matter I wish to mention. I left London on the 16th August for Scotland, which is my usual habit, and I did not return to London till the 29th September. I was away six weeks and a day. I never saw my client after the 14th or 15th August, but on the 22nd September I received a letter from him, which I will hand to your Honours, informing me he was going to take his annual holiday, but that he should request me, if there was any necessity for my doing so, to attend here and represent him. There is the letter which perhaps your Honours would like to read (*handing the same to the Commissioners*). I received that letter when I was in Scotland and I have not seen him since the 15th August.

213. (*Mr. Holl.*) We are obliged to you for the letter. (*The witness.*) There is another letter (*handing same*) which I have received since my return to town; it is a letter which I have found in the custody of my clerk.

214. (*Mr. Jeune.*) This letter mentions Mr. Crompton Roberts' pass book, of course we shall want that?—It is here sealed up, and this is his private ledger and the key, I have not broken the seal.

215. Is that the pass book of Mr. Roberts' bank in London?—I assume it is.

216. He had an account here had he not for the purposes of this election?—I only know from information derived from the hearing of the petition. You see there is his writing "Not to be opened unless required" in his absence abroad; that is his writing and that is his seal. This is his private ledger, and there is the key enclosed in that letter, but I do not think I can hand these books over until I am specially required by you to do so.

217. Of course we shall order you to?—I bow to your decision. I place myself entirely in your Honour's hands, but I think my duty to my client is to see whether you require me to produce them.

218. You are quite right. You have said everything that a solicitor and a gentleman should say, but we order you to produce them?—I bow at once to your decision. Mr. Crompton Roberts always takes a holiday of three or four months every autumn. I know where he is; at least, I do not know where he is now, but I can get to know at once. I believe he is at Pau. It is entirely at your command, and I hope you quite understand that.

219. Yes. There was, was there not, an election account kept here?—I do not know it of my own knowledge, only from hearing it in evidence and having the conduct of the petition.

220. We shall ask you, please, to produce this pass book and ledger, and we will take the responsibility of telling you to hand them in now?—I think I shall open them first.

221. Certainly. (*The witness broke the seals and examined the books*)?—There are the pass book and ledger (*handing the same to the Commissioners*).

222. That is quite right on both Mr. Crompton Roberts' part and yours, and, of course, the Commissioners will be very careful that nobody but themselves and the secretary sees them. These are the only account books, I suppose, or is there any other account book?—Not that I know of; I should doubt that there is one. He is a very methodical man of business as well as a man of large fortune.

223. And these are all the papers that you think there were?—All the papers that I have in connexion with the petition are there.

224. You did not present any recriminatory petition against Sir Julian Goldsmid?—He did not claim the seat.

225. Then, of course, you did not. I do not know whether when you were down here you devoted yourself at all to inquiring whether there had been any corrupt practices on Sir Julian Goldsmid's behalf?—I did not. Incidentally, I had reason to believe that there had been, but I did not follow it out in a legal manner.

226. Have you got any information you could give us with regard to anything that you heard of corrupt practices on the part of the Liberals at the contested election?—Only rumour.

227. Of course, there may be rumour and rumour. Can you give us anything that would suggest corrupt practices on the part of Sir Julian Goldsmid or his agents; did you hear of anything?—I did not. Rumours,

of course, were rife, but I never inquired, I never attempted to get up a recriminatory case, as the seat was not prayed.

228. You did not direct any inquiries to be made with regard to anything Sir Julian Goldsmid and his agents had done, did you?—I did direct inquiries. In the first instance I did that because counsel advised I should inquire, but it was determined to abandon that part of the case, and nothing practically was done; no evidence was obtained against Sir Julian Goldsmid.

229. Did you send some one down to make inquiries as to the doings on the Liberal side at the contested election?—I did not.

230. Your clerk I mean?—I had a clerk who was a voter here, and Mr. Crompton Roberts asked me to allow him to accompany him as a sort of secretary, as he knew the place, and I did allow him to accompany him, but only really as his private secretary in his capacity as clerk. To tell you the truth, I did not make the charge to Mr. Crompton Roberts, which I was entitled to for his services.

231. What was that clerk's name?—Simmonds. He is in my service now.

232. When the petition was presented, you did begin to make some inquiries as regards the conduct of the election on the Liberal side?—I did.

233. Who made those inquiries for you?—I made them myself, incidentally. One or two gentlemen in the town gave me information.

234. And you followed it up to some extent?—What you mean by that is, evidence against Sir Julian.

235. Yes?—Well, I did not. The only evidence I really followed up to any extent was an attempt at subornation by the petitioner's solicitor. It was subornation against a man named Elliott; but that was not a case of practically bribing.

236. Against a man named Elliott you say? Was he a voter?—Yes, I believe he was.

237. How did that turn out? What did you find to be the facts of that case when you came to look into it?—The facts seemed to be, that Messrs. Lewis and Lewis had several men down here for some time, and they got hold of a man named Elliot through a man named Joe Browne, who had been, I understood, a canvasser for the Conservatives. Browne offered Elliott 30*l.* if he would split. Elliott said he would. He would consider about it. He was taken up to London, taken to Messrs. Lewis' office, and underwent a long examination, I believe by Mr. George Lewis. His evidence was taken down in writing, and before he left, 5*l.* or 6*l.* was given to him in gold, and a promissory note was given to him signed by Joe Browne; and that promissory note, I believe, is still in the possession of some gentleman.

238. Did you receive any information (whether you followed it up or not) that there had been corrupt practices on the Liberal side at the contested election?—Only rumours.

239. Are you able to connect that rumour with any names you can give us of persons who benefited by those corrupt practices, or practised them?—No, I cannot, for the reason that I never followed out the recriminatory charges, the seat not being claimed.

GEORGE MERCER sworn and examined.

G. Mercer.

240. (*Mr. Turner.*) You are the town clerk of Deal?—Yes, and also clerk to the magistrates.

241. You heard Mr. Surrage's evidence as to the constituency of Deal and Sandwich and Walmer. Do you agree to that?—Yes, I believe it to be correct.

242. Now tell us something about the population of Deal, and the trade of it?—The population of Deal at the last census was a little over 8,000, and I apprehend it will be found to be increased at the next census. The trade of Deal is not very extensive. We are engaged in boat building, in supplying ships with supplies and in case of loss, and the sale of vegetables and fish. I am not aware that there is any other trade. We do a little brick making.

243. Are there many engaged in boat building?—I think there are about four boat builder's establishments.

244. Do they build ships here?—No.

245. Of late years, in your opinion, has the trade decreased or increased?—I should fancy it is very much the same. I do not think it has fluctuated much either one way or the other. Boat building I do not think is

quite so good as it was. That is the only trade reduced.

246. Is the population chiefly composed of the lower class, if I may so call them; the labouring classes?—The population of our town is composed in great measure of watermen, men engaged at sea, a large number of Trinity pilots, the labouring class, and tradesmen, and the usual population of a country town.

247. Are there any resident gentry?—Yes, a fair share of resident gentry.

248. You have heard Mr. Surrage's account of the number of freemen?—Yes, they have fallen off very much indeed.

249. With reference to your municipal elections here, are they all political?—Not in the least. I do not think politics have ever been brought into the matter whatever.

250. How is your town council composed?—The mayor, 6 aldermen, and 18 councillors.

251. How many go out every year?—One-third every year, and the aldermen every three years.

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252. Have you an annual election of councillors?—Yes. I do not remember since I have been town clerk that we have ever had an election without a contest—local matters and that sort of thing—drainage or not drainage.

253. But the election depends entirely on local matters?—Entirely.

254. And no political feeling?—I do not think I can remember any political feeling ever being introduced.

255. Do you know at the present moment the opinions of the town council?—I could tell you if I have the names. I almost think they are evenly balanced, but I can tell you exactly, I think. I have not the list before me now, but I will take care you shall know, as far as I can say, what their political opinions are.

256. Who are the principal Conservatives in Deal? Can you tell us?—I myself take no part in elections in any way, and therefore I know but very little about it.

257. I daresay you have an opinion?—I think the Conservative leaders are Dr. Hulk, who is the chairman; and Mr. Netherole takes an active part.

258. That is on the Conservative side?—Yes.

259. Surely there are more than that?—Oh yes, there are more than that; but as I say, I take but very little part in it, and I really do not know who was engaged very much in it. Mr. Matthews is a large brewer. I dare say he takes an interest in it. I shall call to mind other names perhaps.

260. On the other side who are the principal leaders?—In the same way, I know but very little about it; but there is a local committee here. Mr. Brown, I think, is one of the committee, and Mr. Cottem.

261. What is Mr. Brown?—He is a retired gentleman.

262. Do you know whether he took a part in the last election?—I think he was election agent.

263. Is there a Conservative committee or institution of any kind?—I think there is. I think the names of all the committee are published in the local paper.

264. In any local paper?—I think so; any local paper.

265. Can you tell me how many public-houses there are in Deal?—Yes, I have the register of them here. You mean for the election year 1879–80?

266. Yes?—There are 74 fully licensed houses, and 30 partly beer-houses and partly grocers and wine merchants.

267. Strictly speaking, there are 74 public-houses?—Yes, fully licensed.

268. And then there are beer-houses?—Yes, 14 beer-houses in addition.

269. That is in Deal alone?—Yes.

270. You cannot speak to Sandwich perhaps?—No, I cannot.

271. Or Walmer?—No.

272. Of these 74 fully licensed houses, can you tell me what they are rated at?—I can tell you their annual value. If it is any assistance to the Commissioners, I will have a list made of each house, and the value.

273. That will be the best way?—I will take care you shall have it.

274. You mentioned 30 besides the 74. Did that include the 14?—Yes.

275. 14 beer-houses and 16 licensed shops?—Yes.

276. (Mr. Holl.) Perhaps you would let us have a list containing the names and addresses, and whether licensed fully, or not, and the rateable value?—Yes.

277. (Mr. Turner.) You were here last election, I suppose?—Yes.

278. And you saw what was going on?—Yes.

279. You saw the number of flags, and so on, that were being used?—Yes.

280. Did it strike you as being unusual?—It was unusual; but I should mention Deal and Walmer are somewhat peculiarly situated, as you will see when you have become a little more familiar with us. There are flag staffs the whole length of the place, and boats on the beach. We are always in the habit of having flags. Flags here are not in the same category as in an inland place.

281. But at this particular election there was a fever of flags?—Certainly.

282. And rosettes?—I did not notice rosettes as being much more numerous than usual, but flags certainly were.

283. Were there a great many boys going about with boards?—

284. Of course you were here at the election of 1868?—Yes.

285. And 1874?—Yes.

286. As compared with the election of 1874, was there any increase in the show of flags?—Certainly.

287. Did you observe a great employment of conveyances going on?—On the day of the election I was scarcely in the town more than a quarter of an hour. There were certainly carriages flying about in all directions; flys.

288. In Deal we have heard there are three polling districts?—Yes.

289. Where are they situated in the town; how far would a voter have to go?—One was here, another was at the National Schools, and the third was at the Parochial Schools near the railway station.

290. Of course they were appointed by you?—Yes.

291. As a general rule I suppose there was no necessity for the conveyance of voters to the polling place?—Well, I should suppose the utmost distance might be a mile.

292. We have had given to us the members at the previous election at which the Liberals were successful. Can you account for the majority for Mr. Roberts, as against the previous majority for the Liberals?—I think it is only a matter of opinion. We considered ourselves well represented by our late members, Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen and Mr. Brassey. I think they had the confidence of the constituency.

293. They had?—They had certainly. At this election they were independent altogether; they were neither of them candidates, and probably that may have had some influence; the change of sides.

294. The voters did not abstain from voting but went over to the Conservatives?—I think several of those gentlemen who were not of the way of thinking of Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, voted for him because he was much respected.

295. Did you observe that at the last election the number of officials employed were more than in 1874?—I really cannot answer that question. I took no part in either election, but I do not think there was much difference. I imagine they were pretty much the same.

296. Did you on the day of the election see much drunkenness going on?—No; and I should have known it as clerk to the magistrates. I do not think there was a single case, if my memory is right. I do not remember an instance. It was particularly quiet in that respect.

297. You were surprised yourself, I suppose, at the result of the election?—Well, I was. I was not surprised at the result. I expected the result would have been so, but I was surprised at the number.

298. I think you said that the greater number of the population of Deal are composed of boatmen?—Not the greater number; a great number.

299. A large proportion?—I am unable to say, but still a very large proportion get their living on the water by assisting the ships. Of course there is a good deal of lodging letting, and I should say that a great many of the public houses let lodgings as well.

300. Do you agree with Mr. Surrage as to the number of freemen of Deal?

(Mr. Surrage.) There are about 13 living at Deal. They are all freemen of Sandwich; not freemen of Deal. They happened to be residing at Deal those few days.

(The Witness.) We have no right to freemen here. There are freemen at Sandwich.

301. (Mr. Jeune.) Deal has no freemen of its own?—No.

302. (Mr. Turner.) I have asked you about the boating class. With regard to what you call the "along shore" men, are they men who change their residence very much, and go about a good deal?—No.

303. Are they resident here?—Entirely.

304. There are no class of men of that kind who are migratory?—No, they were born and bred here; in fact they will not go away. They prefer keeping on the beach here to going to sea very often.

305. Are they a hard-working class of men?—Certainly. They are always on the look out; always on the watch. They are always on the *qui vive*.

306. Are they men who are hard up a good deal?—I dare say a great many of them are.

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307. Out of work, I mean?—Yes, at times when there is little doing on the water of course they are in want to some extent. Their living depends entirely upon that.

308. (Mr. Jeune.) I suppose there are certain public-houses they frequent, do they not?—Those particularly on the beach.

309. Have these boating people the name of a corrupt class?—I do not think so. They are like everybody else, I suppose. I am not aware that they are specially different from any of the rest of the population.

310. I mean at previous elections where there has been money spent; do you think that more of that money has gone to the boating population than to the rest of the population?—I cannot say. I never take any part in the elections myself, and know nothing of the working of them.

311. (Mr. Holl.) Are they a class of men who are likely to be influenced by having a good deal of work given to them in hauling flags?—I can hardly say that they would be more so than anybody else. They are fond of flags, and showing their colours.

312. Is it the flag, or what they get out of it?—I must leave that to you. I am not able to answer that question. I daresay they do not do it for love. They are like everybody else.

313. I am not quite sure that I understand one thing. You spoke of 30 licensed premises as distinguished from 74 licensed houses; 14 of those are beer-houses, what are the other 16?—They are grocers licenses.

314. They are grocers who have licenses to sell beer, wine, and so on?—Just so. They are refreshment houses for the sale of Gilbey's wines, &c.

315. There are 14 licensed beer-shops, and 74 licensed public-houses in Deal?—Yes, I think so. I have taken them out myself; 14 beer houses, and 74 fully licensed houses.

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327. (Mr. Holl.) I think you are clerk to the justices at Sandwich?—I am.

328. Have you any connexion with Walmer?—Yes; the justices at Sandwich license public-houses at Walmer. They are within our jurisdiction. Walmer is in the liberty of Sandwich.

329. I think you were agent for Sir Julian Goldsmid at Sandwich?—I was.

330. Can you give me the number of public-houses at Sandwich?—In Sandwich they number 33 licensed houses.

331. Are they all licensed?—They are all licensed public-houses and beer-houses.

332. I do not know whether you can distinguish between what I call the licensed public-houses or beer-houses, and those licensed to sell spirits?—I cannot tell you the distinction now. There are 33 fully licensed public-houses and beer-houses altogether; that is the spirit and beer too.

333. Does that include grocers?—No, it does not.

334. Can you give us a list of those houses, the names and addresses, and the rateable values?—Yes; I have taken out a list which I will hand you in (*handing same*) with the names of the licencees, and the rateable value attached to each house. You will also find the same information with regard to Walmer.

335. I see that the rateable values vary from 8*l.* up to 27*l.*, and one is 47*l.* A large proportion vary from 8*l.* to 15*l.*?—Yes, it is according to the value of the house.

336. Then for Walmer there are 24 licensed public-houses and beer-houses?—Yes.

337. I see the majority of them are about 15*l.*, but there are some above that?—Yes, that is about it.

338. How is Walmer governed?—By a local board.

339. Are they elected periodically?—Yes, every year.

340. How are they selected?—I think the most eligible parties for the duty are selected from the tradesmen.

341. Is there any Liberal committee in Walmer?—I think not. I think there is one in Deal, to which they belong. I think the Liberal party in Walmer, when they go to a meeting, come down to a little association in Deal.

342. With regard to the Conservative party, is there any Conservative association or committee in Walmer, do you know?—I do not know.

343. Can you tell me who were the leading Liberals in Walmer?—Yes; there is Mr. James Ausenn.

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316. Did you hear at all of any employment as canvassers and messengers at this election more than usual?—No, not more than usual. There have always been a great many employed canvassing.

317. Do you not think there were more at this election than at the previous election?—Really I am unable to form an opinion about it. If there is anything which you wish to ask as to Walmer I shall be happy to afford the information. I am clerk to the local board.

318. (Mr. Turner.) As to public houses at Walmer, can you give us the number?—That the clerk to the magistrates will give you.

319. (Mr. Holl.) Of how many members is the local board composed?—The local board of Walmer is composed of 18 members.

320. How about their political opinions?—I do not think there is any balance one way or the other very much.

321. What is the principal class of voters there?—Watermen, boatmen.

322. There are fewer tradesmen and more boatmen. There are more boatmen in proportion to the tradesmen at Walmer?—I do not think so. I think the proportion would be the same as between those two classes.

323. There are boatmen and tradesmen?—Boatmen, tradesmen, resident gentry, artisans, and lodging house keepers.

324. You account for the change of opinion by the fact of the late member going away?—Yes, and Sir Julian Goldsmid being a stranger.

325. Mr. Roberts was a stranger too, was he not?—Yes, but he had been here a week or two before.

326. Subject to the fact that he was here for a few days, can you give any reason why Mr. Roberts was more popular than Sir Julian Goldsmid?—I cannot, except what I have said. There had been a change of opinion probably.

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344. (Mr. Turner.) What is he?—He is a builder.

345. (Mr. Holl.) Who else?—Then there is Mr. Rose.

346. What is his Christian name?—Edward Thomas Rose.

347. What is he?—He is a tailor.

348. Are there any others that you remember—Corn wall?—Cornwall lives in Deal.

349. Rammell?—Rammell lives in Deal.

350. Can you tell me the names of any other active Liberals in Walmer?—There is Edward Thomas Woodcock. He is a builder.

351. Any others?—I do not recollect them particularly.

352. Now, among the Conservatives, who were the active people in Walmer?—You see I am not a great deal over there.

353. Can you give me the names of any of them? You know them, I suppose, by repute?—I can only give the most influential whom I know to be Conservatives. There is Mr. Mathews, of Walmer.

354. Who else?—I should say Mr. Denne. I do not know his Christian name.

355. What is he?—He is a builder.

356. Can you remember any others?—No, I do not recollect any others. There were a great many.

357. Are there any manufactories in Walmer?—No, I am not aware of any manufactories. There is a very large brewery. Mr. Thompson or Mr. Matthews is the brewer.

358. Besides the brewery, what industries are there?—There is nothing there.

359. Nothing but retail tradesmen?—Retail tradesmen. There is a little fishing. They send some fish to London from there, but that is not very much.

360. To which class do the greatest number of voters belong, the tradesmen or the boatmen?—I should think the greater number are the gentry and the middle class.

361. Middle-class tradesmen?—Yes, there are a very great many gentry.

362. Are they more than the boatmen?—I should say so; a great deal.

363. (Mr. Turner.) Are the gentry resident?—Yes.

364. (Mr. Holl.) You acted as agent for Sir Julian Goldsmid, at Sandwich, I believe?—Yes.

365. Had you anything to do with the election at Walmer?—No, nothing; not in the acting part of it.

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Mr. Edwards acted at Deal and Walmer, and myself at Sandwich.

366. When were you first appointed Sir Julian Goldsmid's agent?—Immediately after I first saw Sir Julian Goldsmid.

367. When was that?—There was no regular appointment, but I became his representative. Perhaps I should save your time by stating that at an early period Sir Julian Goldsmid wrote to me to ask me whether I thought he would be acceptable as a candidate by the Liberal party. I replied to him at that time that we had not heard of Lord Brabourne's elevation to the Peerage, that nothing had occurred in the borough; but it was reported so, and that immediately anything did occur I would communicate with him. After that we were searching for a candidate. I then went to London, and called upon Sir Julian Goldsmid, and he returned that evening from London to Deal.

368. When was that?—That was on the 4th or 5th of May. It was just the week of the election. He came down with me on the Monday. The nomination was on the Saturday, and the polling took place on the following Monday. It was all very quick. Of course Mr. Crompton Roberts had been in the field a week before we arrived.

369. Was it on the 5th of May that he came down?—No, it must have been later than the 5th of May. It was on a Monday that he came down. It was on the 10th of May. I went to London that morning.

370. He came back with you?—He came back with me in the afternoon, and he began the canvassing on the following morning.

371. I presume from his writing to you that you occupy a position amongst the Liberal party?—Yes, I am known as the person perhaps who represents the Liberal party to a great extent in the borough of Sandwich.

372. Do you represent them in registration?—I attend to it myself, and my name also is filed at the central Liberal Association in London, therefore if there are any communications I generally receive them.

373. Kindly give us the whole account. When did you first hear from Sir Julian Goldsmid?—It was a week or 10 days before that.

374. Do you know how Sir Julian Goldsmid came to communicate with you?—I think very likely, I am not certain, through Mr. Brassey. We heard that Sir Julian Goldsmid was one of the selected candidates at the University. Sir John Lubbock, and others, were also selected. We did not communicate with Sir John Lubbock, but we fixed upon Sir Julian Goldsmid, simply because we heard that Sir John Lubbock was certain to be the selected candidate of the University, and we thought it was more certain that he would come down. We were anxious to get a candidate. We had lost a week or 10 days.

375. When did you first communicate with him then?—Immediately, in reply to his letter. I have not that letter here, but I can find it. It was before Lord Brabourne's elevation to the Peerage, and before he came down. Sir Julian Goldsmid had heard of the report through the papers, and he immediately wrote to me to inquire whether I thought he would be an accepted candidate, if he came down, by the Liberal party. Then I wrote to him that we had heard nothing whatever of the matter, and communicated with those who I thought had any interest in it, promising that I would let him know again.

376. I daresay you can find the letter?—I think I can. I will endeavour to find it.

377. Was there any further correspondence between you in writing?—I think I wrote to him once afterwards, but I am not certain, reminding him that I would let him know.

378. I will ask you to produce the letter from Sir Julian Goldsmid, and copies of all letters that you wrote to him?—Yes, I will endeavour to find them.

379. Were there any negotiations previously to that?—With Sir Julian Goldsmid?

380. With other people?—Yes; I will not say negotiations, because we had none, but I think it was on a Tuesday (I cannot tell you what date that was) that I received a letter from Lord Brabourne, stating that Sir John Adye was desirous of getting into Parliament, and at the moment I received my letter he was on his way down here, and that I should receive a communication from him. I met him at the Sandwich Railway Station, and came down to Deal with

him, where there were a few friends who had assembled—not more than half a dozen—and we then told him that Mr. Crompton Roberts had been in the field for some time, and that considerable expenses were being incurred. He immediately said he was not prepared to spend any money upon the election, and that he had been led to believe it would be an uncontested one. Under these circumstances I at once said, "You had better go back again," and he returned to London immediately—that night. There was no communication with him before, and there was nothing more than I have related to you now which passed at that meeting.

381. Was any sum mentioned which it would be necessary for him to expend?—In all probability I might have told him that perhaps it would be necessary for him to be prepared with 2,000*l.*, or something like that. I think there was a sum of that kind mentioned.

382. Was it not more than that?—No, I think not.

383. Was he not told that he should be prepared to spend 4,000*l.*?—No, I do not recollect hearing that stated. I did not state that, but he might have been told so.

384. Who were the parties who were assembled to meet him?—There was Mr. Edmund Brown, who is the agent for election expenses, and Mr. Edwin Cornwall.

385. Cannot you recollect any others?—I can give them to you by referring or thinking upon them and the time, but there were five or six perhaps.

386. You cannot remember anybody else at the present moment?—No, but there were several others. I can give them to you.

387. Perhaps you will kindly let us have them?—I will do so.

388. Was any sum mentioned, or anything said about the sum which Mr. Crompton Roberts was spending?—No; I was living at Sandwich; I had no idea.

389. What was said with regard to Mr. Crompton Roberts?—It was only understood that he was spending a great deal of money here. It was simply rumour. Nobody could point out how it was, and if you asked in what way you could not ascertain.

390. Do you remember what was said by these gentlemen to Sir John Adye about the expenditure of Mr. Crompton Roberts?—It was spoken of in a general way that great expenses were being incurred, and would have to be incurred, and therefore if he was not prepared, it would be better for him to retire; in fact, they could not entertain him.

391. It was no use coming here unless he was willing to spend a considerable sum of money?—Yes.

392. You say you think 2,000*l.* was mentioned?—I think he was told 2,000*l.*

393. Was it not more than that?—I do not think I mentioned more than 2,000*l.*, and I think I told him that he would spend that in canvassing between Sandwich and Deal. I found at once he was not prepared to go through a contested election, and he at once said, "Then I am not prepared to spend the money." It was an easy thing for me when he came to Deal to introduce him, and to say, "Sir John Adye is not prepared to contest a contested election," and then he would have passed from Deal.

394. You think you cannot fight a contested election without spending 2,000*l.* and upwards?—Yes.

395. Why is that?—Simply on account of the great expenses which are incurred, many of them of a most irregular character, with regard to flags, booths, and every expenditure of that kind, which is a very serious matter.

396. You think you cannot fight an election here without spending money in that way?—From what I hear. I am not here on the spot. I only hear of it afterwards. Sandwich is comparatively a smaller thing as far as that goes.

397. But you think, from what you have heard and know, that you cannot fight an election here unless you are prepared to spend a very considerable sum of money in flags, public-houses, and canvassers?—Yes, I am obliged to state that as my candid opinion.

398. You cannot fight an election except by employing a great number of persons. Then Sir John Adye, as I understand you, intimated that he would not contest the borough?—He said he was not prepared to fight a contested election at all, and that he had come down here under the impression that the seat would not be contested.

399. Then you communicated with Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Then I communicated again with Sir Julian Gold-

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amid, and he wrote to me to say that he was one of the selected candidates for the University, and he could not give me a decided answer until the selection there was decided. Then I went up to him and said, "I must have an answer this very day. If you will say 'No, you will not go down to the borough,' I shall seek a candidate."

400. And Sir Julian Goldsmid came back?—And Sir Julian Goldsmid came back.

401. I suppose you had some conversation with him as to ways and means, and what was necessary in order to give him a chance of success?—Yes, but there was no precise amount mentioned.

402. Tell us what took place between you and him with regard to that?—In general words, I told him he could not contest the election for less than 3,000l.

403. And, I presume, his coming down intimated that he was willing to spend that amount?—No; he most indignantly replied that he could spend no money except upon legal expenses and so on; but, having stated all that, he returned, and there was no further conversation. He did not assent to expenditure except legal expenditure; but, on the contrary, he would not be returned by bribery, or anything of the kind. He afterwards returned to Sandwich with me.

404. Do you know what amount Sir Julian Goldsmid did pay down to either yourself or other agents?—Yes, I know what I received myself and I have heard of the sum which Mr. Edwards received.

405. I will not ask you what you heard was paid to Mr. Edwards, but what did you receive yourself?—I received 700l. odd; 760l. I think. I received sums of 210l., 200l., and 350l.

406. Have you the dates on which those payments were made?—I have not the dates. I thought you would not examine me in detail this afternoon.

407. With a view of not troubling you a second time I thought when you came here in an official capacity we would go into the other matters?—I have not the dates when I received the amounts.

408. You say he came down with you on the 10th May?—Yes.

409. When did you receive the first cheque after that?—On the Thursday I received 200l.

410. On the Thursday after?—Yes.

411. That was the 13th?—Yes. On the following day I had 210l. more. Then Messrs. Lewis and Lewis remitted me afterwards, to pay the expenses, 350l.; that is since the election and since the petition.

412. Then what you had before the petition was 410l.; 200l. on the 13th and 210l. on the 14th. Was that all you had before the petition?—Yes.

413. Since the petition what have you received?—I received 350l. the other day from Messrs. Lewis and Lewis.

414. Had you at the time when Sir Julian Goldsmid came down any organisation in Sandwich on the Liberal side?—I had organised as far as I possibly could, the time being very limited, by dividing the list of electors amongst our friends who would take them. We divided them among ourselves to go and canvass. There was that organisation and nothing else.

415. I mean was there any standing organisation at that time when Sir Julian Goldsmid came down?—No, none whatever.

416. No Liberal Association?—No.

417. No Liberal Committee?—No, and we are not in the habit of meeting except at times like this. Always on the registration I call a meeting of a few friends who take an active part on behalf of the Liberal party; they meet me and we go through the list, and the names of people who are not entitled to be in the list are taken out. Except at those periods we have no meeting at all, and we have no organisation.

418. (Mr. Jeune.) You are only speaking of Sandwich?—Only of Sandwich.

419. (Mr. Holl.) Are you speaking of Walmer?—No.

420. Have you had anything to do with any association at Walmer?—No, nor here. I do not belong here.

421. All your evidence which you are now giving with regard to the election is with regard to Sandwich?—Yes.

422. You say you had no organisation; what arrangement did you make?—I would take a certain number of names myself. I would take one of the parishes for me to call upon the voters.

423. Did you divide Sandwich as a parliamentary borough into districts?—It would only be amongst three or four individuals—nothing more than that.

424. Each took a district?—No, it is not a district. We took the names simply because in going through the names I should be more acquainted with one name than another, and perhaps one voter lived a few doors from my house; therefore the parties I was acquainted with would be put in my list. We should divide the list in that way in order that they might be canvassed.

425. You did not have districts, but you had a list of the persons and particular individuals you were best acquainted with?—Yes.

426. Can you give me the names of persons who each took a list?—Yes; Mr. Coleman.

427. I suppose you took one?—I took one; Mr. Coleman would take another; Mr. Woodruff would take one; Mr. Harrison, whose name has been mentioned before, would take one—both Harrisons, and Mr. Cottew. I think I have mentioned them all now.

428. There were six different parties, each of whom took a list?—Yes; that was at the period I am speaking about, and not as regards Sir Julian Goldsmid.

429. Would you six take between you the whole of the constituency?—No, we did not do that. These are only parties perhaps that Sir Julian Goldsmid would not have time to call upon and could not see. The constituency do not like to be canvassed by individuals. We are all known to each other here, and it has always been customary for a candidate to canvass every elector himself; in fact we are frequently told, when we go to a man for his vote, "No, I have not seen Sir Julian. I shall not speak to you." That has been the mode generally adopted in this borough; but here there was only a week; there was no time, and I immediately went to work as you may suppose, and said, "Sir Julian cannot canvass the whole of Sandwich; we will divide" and go and get the votes as well as we can."

430. The six gentlemen whom you have mentioned were what I may call volunteer canvassers?—Yes.

431. Had you any paid canvassers?—I do not know; but there might be one or two. We have never been in the habit of doing that at Sandwich—appointing paid canvassers. I think Mr. Woodruff did receive something for canvassing, but only for the day, I think, he was paid, or something of that kind.

432. What is he?—He has been mentioned to you. He is a tailor by trade in Sandwich, and he was the committee clerk, for which he was paid 10l., which will appear on the accounts when you go through them.

433. It would be more convenient to take that altogether when we come to the accounts, but he was the only person you know of who was paid as a canvasser?—Yes.

434. I suppose I may take it there was no general committee?—No, no committee was appointed at all. We used to have a committee, but that we have left off for some time.

435. Had you any canvass books?—Yes, we had canvass books.

436. Do you know where they are?—Yes, I can put my hand upon them I think—the canvass books which denote the promises which we have ascertained.

437. Had you reports from time to time?—Simply in this way. When Sir Julian Goldsmid came in from a canvass of an hour or two, or something of that kind, I asked him, "Where have you been to?" so as to endeavour to keep the best account I could in my own book to see how he was proceeding. That was my system. Then in the same way we also took down decided promises from those who were canvassers for this voluntary committee as it were.

438. In that way I suppose you kept made up from your different books or reports a list?—Yes, it was a very difficult thing to do, but we kept the best account we could.

439. You kept the best account you could of the persons you thought you could rely upon?—Yes.

440. Were any clerks employed upon the work?—In marking the books, it always depended upon me and the committee clerk, Mr. Woodruff. We used to keep the two books and nobody else. One was a canvassing book, which was kept by myself, or what we call a committee book, and a book was also handed to the candidate.

441. The candidate had his canvassing book and you had your canvassing book in which you marked the names of your persons and his too?—Yes.

442. How many clerks had you employed as committee clerks?—Only two. Mr. Woodruff and the assistant clerk, I forgot his name.

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443. Then these gentlemen whom you have mentioned are the only persons I may take it at Sandwich who took any particularly active part in the election?—Yes, I think those are the only ones who took any particularly active part. There is Mr. Dorman, but he did not take an active part and did not canvass. He simply took an active part by calling in at the committee room to enquire how we were proceeding. He did not take an active part, and I think you are desirous of ascertaining those who were actively engaged.

444. Did you employ any messengers?—Yes, there were several messengers.

445. How many?—I am not prepared to state although I have been all through them. I do not know how many.

446. Were there any men or boys employed to carry boards?—No, we did not make use of anything of that kind. There was a certain number of messengers and a certain number of boys who attended on the day of the election. Some of the messengers were engaged during the active part of the election, but there were certain messengers employed who were appointed at the instance of a voter. A man comes and offers his services and he is employed. Our messengers were not overdone on this occasion. I think I have nothing to say with regard to the messengers.

447. You think there was not an excessive number?—No, I think not.

448. With regard to the expenditure for messengers we will take that when we come to the accounts. May I take it from what you say that in your opinion there was no excess in the employment of persons in any kind at Sandwich on the part of the Liberal party?—No not as messengers.

449. Were there any class of people?—No, not in employment, certainly.

450. There were a considerable number of public-houses, were there not?—Yes, there were.

451. How many?—Do you wish me to say anything with regard to public-houses?

452. I should like you to do so?—With regard to the account, which to a great extent I am answerable for to Mr. Brown, the election agent, it is a fact he did not give any order during the election, or at any time, but what expenses were incurred I am responsible to him for, and there is one item in particular which refers to public-houses. There are two sums of 20*l.* which I gave to Mr. Coleman; one 20*l.* was given at an early period of the election for the expenses of the election, and more particularly he was directed to keep down the number of public-houses. You cannot prevent the treating; it is an impossibility; but my direction to him was to every morning visit those public-houses, and prevent bills being incurred. He will show you by details that he followed those instructions, and 20*l.*, 40*l.* altogether, was also expended, as the account will show you, in paying for rosettes and things of that sort.

453. To pay for rosettes and colours?—Yes. There were some bills incurred for banners and rosettes which have not been paid for now. I am only speaking now of the actual payments, but inasmuch as there were two 20*l.* (40*l.*) which will appear in the expenses which were recognised by the agent for election expenses at my request, I simply thought it was right to explain to him how it was expended. That was in the hands of Mr. Coleman.

454. And that was actually expended you say in rosettes?—No, a portion of it. Some of it was expended in keeping down the treating in public-houses and paying the morning scores, the morning bills, and the other was, as I say, spent upon these receipts, and so on.

455. Some portion of it was spent in having at different public-houses scores run up by persons, by our own friends, the evening before, or something of that kind?—Of course, there were instructions given not to permit treating at public-houses, but, notwithstanding that, it was impossible to prevent it, and in order to prevent the bills at the termination of the election, I took this money to pay them every morning, so that we should have no public-house bills; but after the election we had public-house bills delivered to us to the extent of 89*l.*, which have not been paid.

456. Can you give me the names of the public-houses that he went round to?—Yes, he has prepared and can give you a list, showing the details of his expenditure.

457. You cannot give it to us, I suppose?—No, I have not it here.

458. What is Mr. Coleman's Christian name?—Benjamin Longden Coleman.

459. What is he?—He is a farmer, market gardener, and so on, and a greengrocer at Sandwich.

460. In what street?—In King Street.

461. Then there were certain public-houses, of which he will give us the names, where he went to?—In order to prevent the very thing which occurred afterwards.

462. He went down with the view of paying whatever was incurred?—Yes, but, notwithstanding that, we had these bills delivered afterwards, amounting to 89*l.* (*handing the same to the Commissioners*). I have brought those bills. Those bills were not handed in to the Judges, because we had not them at the time; they were in the hands of Mr. Lewis. That is a list of the public-house bills as they were delivered, but those bills have not been paid, none of them whatever. That is the 89*l.* Those are for some of our own voters, and no doubt any friends of theirs who went into these public-houses in the evening to sit down.

463. These, I understand, have not been paid?—No, these have not been paid, but the particulars of the items that have been paid at the public-houses Mr. Coleman will give you the detail.

464. Are these the same houses that he went round to when he paid the bills?—Yes.

465. Then, Cork's public-house, that is the name of the party who keeps it, I suppose?—Yes.

466. At these public-houses he went round from day to day and made certain payments on account of bills that had been incurred by different voters or their friends for refreshments supplied at these houses?—Yes.

467. To what extent do you know that he expended money in that way—paying scores run up by voters at these houses?—I should say between 22*l.* and 23*l.*

468. (*Mr. Turner.*) That is out of the 40*l.*?—Yes, there were 22*l.*, and the object was to prevent the bills running up.

469. (*Mr. Holl.*) The balance was spent in rosettes?—Yes.

470. I do not quite follow you; how would that prevent bills running up?—If we had not paid the small items, and let them go on for 7 or 8 or 10 days, we should have had an enormous sum delivered, and we should not be able to control it.

471. But supposing you intimated to each of the landlords of these houses that you would not pay anything?—That might have been done, of course.

472. (*Mr. Turner.*) On whose account was it paid?—It was paid on Sir Julian's account.

473. For the election?—Yes. All these public-houses, no doubt, had their little coteries during the evening previous to the election, and the publicans themselves necessarily had very great influence over those that frequented the house, and, no doubt, were generally appointed canvassers, and have their committee meetings at a certain number of these houses which are known to be friendly.

474. You say Coleman was instructed every morning to go round and pay these bills?—I gave him those instructions.

475. It was a direction to pay for refreshments supplied by these houses to different voters?—Yes, and it was to prevent having bills that would afterwards come in.

476. At the time Mr. Coleman was making these daily payments, were the publicans running this other charge of 89*l.*?—No, I think the large items were incurred upon the night of the election, that is my own impression. Some portion upon the day of the election and the other upon the evening of the election.

477. The direction given to Mr. Coleman to pay these scores off, was given with a view of not afterwards having bills delivered?—Yes. The large item were incurred during the excitement of the election, and upon the evening of the election. We have made no enquiry whether those bills are proper bills or not, simply because Sir Julian immediately afterwards said, "You must not pay anything," and I have not had any letter from him since.

478. I need hardly ask you whether you are aware that paying these scores at these different public-houses on account of voters in this way was altogether illegal?—I am quite aware of it, and I am very sorry to be placed in this position, but I come here to tell you everything I know in relation to it, and I can do no more.

479. I suppose it is the same thing that has been done at all previous elections?—Yes, it is. I do not know that I have had anything to do with that portion of it before, because it does not often fall to the legal adviser

to interfere with what I call money not in the expenditure. I have had money to pay afterwards, but not directly, and there is no doubt upon this occasion I did give this direction to Coleman.

480. (*Mr. Holl.*) I ought to ask you this question, and I am sure you will answer me quite fairly, as you have done everything else so far as I can see, was this done with a view of preventing the presentation of bills that could not be properly returned amongst the election expenses?—To a certain extent I think very likely it was.

481. You say the details of what Mr. Coleman paid from time to time, he will furnish us with?—Yes.

482. Are these the same public-houses that he went round to?—Yes, some of them are.

483. Most of them are, are they not?—Yes.

484. How many public-houses did you engage at Sandwich?—Seven, I think, they are also passed in the account, and have been paid since the election.

485. Can you give me the names of those seven houses; first of all was a room taken at each house?—Yes, they had 4*l.* a-piece.

486. What was the arrangement with them?—Simply that they should canvass the voters who were in the habit of frequenting their houses, and that we should be permitted to meet there in the room as a committee room whenever we chose.

487. You say they were paid 4*l.* each?—Yes.

488. I have only two houses here, the "Bell" Hotel and Mrs. Hunter; can you give me the names of the different houses?—You will find them mentioned in the voucher handed in by Mr. Coleman.

489. Yes, it is so: the "Cinque Ports," the "Three Colts," the "Salutation," the "George and Dragon," the "Bricklayer's Arms," the "Green Posts," and the "Forester's Arms"?—Yes.

490. What is the name of the landlord of the "Cinque Ports"?—Robert Pierce.

491. The "Three Colts"?—Edward Henry Cork.

492. The "Salutation"?—John Hogben.

493. The "George and Dragon"?—John Burchett.

494. The "Bricklayer's Arms"?—George Bailey.

495. The "Green Posts"?—William Fagg.

496. The "Forester's Arms"?—Edmund Bailey.

497. I may take it, I suppose, that all of these are voters?—Yes.

498. And each of those houses has a coterie of voters in the habit of frequenting these various houses?—Yes.

499. I suppose they might or might not be all Liberals?—Yes, it is impossible to tell.

500. They would have a coterie of voters, and your object was to get as many of the voters who visited these houses to vote for the Liberal candidate?—Yes.

501. Do you know of any other money being spent in any way illegally?—Yes, I am coming to another sum in regard to which I desire to make a statement. I paid to Mr. Coleman 50*l.*

502. Apart from the 40*l.*?—Yes, I gave him 50*l.* in the same way for the expenses of the election, I handed it to him upon the Thursday or Friday. This sum was different, as far as I was concerned, from the sum of 40*l.*, because as regards the 40*l.* I directed him particularly as to its appropriation, but with regard to the 50*l.* I gave Mr. Coleman no decided instructions of any kind, in fact he was to spend it, and apply it in the best way he could to secure the votes of those parties who had promised us. He stated to me that they could have what money they liked from the other side, and this money was given to him in order to secure those votes.

503. To prevent their going over?—Yes. I told him that he must account for it, and he is prepared to hand in a list of how it was appropriated. I was desirous of mentioning that now, because you might say afterwards I had not mentioned it.

504. I quite appreciate it; that was given for the purpose of keeping the voters from straying, as Coleman thought they might, though I do not say they might, unless they had some payments made to them?—Yes.

505. Coleman will give us a list of the moneys paid?—Yes.

506. Is there any other money you at all know of yourself, directly or indirectly, that you know has been expended?—No. I have reason to believe that there were promises made, but no money given.

507. By whom were these promises made?—By Coleman in the same way, because when I made up the

account of the expenses to send to Sir Julian Goldsmid I was told that money would be required to a considerable amount to pay to certain parties who had given their votes to us, but none has been paid, I believe not a sixpence of it.

508. Have you a list of the persons to whom Coleman made those promises?—No.

509. I suppose Coleman will have?—No doubt he knows it.

510. At the time he told you that he would want money to pay certain persons he must have had a list of them, or known who they were?—No doubt he would know, but it was made up very quickly indeed; Sir Julian Goldsmid returned to London upon the Wednesday, and upon the Thursday morning, or upon the Friday morning, I had a letter from him directing me to send all accounts to Messrs. Lewis and Lewis who had full power to act for him, and not to pay any money whatever. That was upon the Friday morning, and I immediately sent round to make up my accounts, and it was simply by calling parties in, Coleman amongst others, that I could do it, and I sent up my account that very night, which will show you how very rapidly it was got together, and upon information not altogether reliable.

511. You have no list I understand you to say of those persons to whom Coleman promised money?—No.

512. You do not know who they were?—No, but I believe he will be able to show it. I have here Sir Julian's letter that he wrote at the time, he went immediately to Messrs. Lewis and Lewis and instructed them about the petition. Here are a few letters (*producing the same*) that I received, one from Sir Julian Goldsmid, and the others from Messrs. Lewis and Lewis.

513. They seem to be letters asking for details of certain items in the accounts?—Yes, and I furnished Messrs. Lewis and Lewis with all such details as they required.

514. Did Sir Julian Goldsmid know anything of these payments by Coleman?—No, not at all.

515. I think you have told me already with regard to canvassers, messengers, clerks, and so forth; you do not think there was any great excess at Sandwich?—No, I do not think we employed so many as we have done on former occasions; in fact that has always been the great outlay in our borough.

516. Has that been usual in your borough?—Yes. I have never known bribery or anything of that kind to any extent; but the great outlay is in messengers, flags, and that kind of thing, that has been the great outlay in the borough.

517. You are speaking now of Sandwich?—Yes.

518. And I gather from what you say, you do consider there has been an outlay in canvassers, messengers, and so on, more than was necessary for the legitimate purposes of the election?—Yes, generally, I think so.

519. I mean the employment of persons in what we may call "colourable employment," that is to say, the employment of more than was necessary for the legitimate work of the election?—Yes.

520. How many messengers had you upon this occasion?—You have, I think, before you a list of the messengers which will show exactly.

521. Do I understand from your experience of previous elections, that the voters, or a certain class of voters, look for this kind of employment, that they seek for it?—Yes, a certain number seek it no doubt.

522. And I may take it from what you say, that you consider that the way they vote depends, in a great measure, whether they get such employment or not?—A messenger simply receives half a guinea for the whole election, and a boy is only paid 5*s.*, so that that could not be a very great inducement. The way in which it is done is this, a man will come and say, "I intend to vote, you may put my name down as a messenger, and my boy will be happy to attend and do whatever you like."

523. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Put it as you like, that is a bribe of 15*s.*—That is the way it is done; but nothing is paid until after the election.

524. (*Mr. Holl.*) I understand you to say, not only at this election, but at previous elections, there has been an excessive employment of that kind of labour?—There may have been at some of them.

525. Is not that done with a view of influencing the voters?—It must have that effect, it cannot be denied.

526. Do you say it is not usual to pay the messengers until after the election?—That has been our course in Sandwich; we pay nothing until after the election.

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527. You say you received before the election two sums, one of 200*l.*, and another of 210*l.*?—Yes.

528. There is a letter I see from Messrs. Lewis and Lewis to you, in which they say, "You have received on account 210*l.*."—There was a cheque from Sir Julian Goldsmid of 210*l.*, but the other I received in money.

529. You mean the 200*l.*?—Yes.

530. Which was paid first?—The 200*l.*

531. Did you receive that in gold?—Yes.

532. Was that from Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Personally?

533. Yes?—No, it was not.

534. From whom did you receive it?—A gentleman of the name of Foord.

535. Who is he?—He brought some money down to us, and I had 200*l.* of it.

536. What is his Christian name?—I think, Mr. Charles Foord.

537. What is he?—He is a friend of Sir Julian Goldsmid, and resides at Rochester.

538. Do you know how much he brought down altogether?—Yes, he brought down 1,500*l.*

539. Do you know whether it was all in gold?—Yes, it was all in gold.

540. Had you ever seen or known Mr. Foord before?—No, never.

541. Had you any anticipation of receiving the 200*l.* at the time?—I believe he said, when I applied for money, "You will have money brought to you; money will be sent down, but I do not want to be bothered with it myself." He disliked extremely when he was here being asked for cheques on account, and he said, "I shall make some other arrangement, it shall be sent to you," and the money came down accordingly.

542. Had you received any other intimation from Sir Julian Goldsmid with regard to this money coming?—None whatever.

543. When did Sir Julian Goldsmid tell you this?—I think it must have been on the Wednesday, the very day it was coming.

544. He came down upon the Monday?—Yes; and I think it was upon the Tuesday he told us that.

545. Did he remain here until after the election?—Yes.

546. Was it the Tuesday or Wednesday that he told you this?—I think it must have been the Wednesday; one day must have intervened.

547. Did you hear anything more of it before it came to you?—No, nothing whatever.

548. Where did Mr. Foord come to you, at Sandwich?—Yes, he came to my office.

549. Tell us what took place between you and him?—It was simply this; he came to my office, and I sent for Mr. Edwards, and he came round, and Mr. Edwards had 1,300*l.* of this money, and I kept 200*l.*

550. Did Foord tell you what it was for?—No, not at all; he simply said it was for the purposes of the election. It was understood when we received it ourselves that we had it for the election, and he gave it to us as such, and nothing more.

551. Nothing was said as to how it was to be expended?—No, not at all.

552. Nothing more than that a sum of 200*l.* was handed to you, and 1,300*l.* to Mr. Edwards by Mr. Foord?—No.

553. There were no instructions as to how it was to be dealt with?—No, none whatever.

554. The next day was it that you received a cheque for 210*l.* from Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes, the next day I received a cheque for 210*l.*

555. Was that from Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

556. Did he make any allusion to the 200*l.* you had already received from Foord?—No, none whatever. I wrote him a note for a cheque of 210*l.*, and I think it was sent to me, but I did not see him at the time, and he had no opportunity of asking me about it.

557. When was the cheque given to you?—Upon the Friday morning, I think.

558. That was the Friday after the Monday he came down?—Yes, I think so.

559. What did you ask him for a cheque for?—On account of the expenses of the election.

560. That was after you had received the 200*l.*?—Yes, I think it must have been.

561. Did you in that note say anything about receiving the 200*l.* from Foord?—No, not a word.

562. Was it not rather singular that in writing to him, asking for a cheque for 210*l.* for the expenses of the election, that you should make no allusion to him of receiving the 200*l.* from Mr. Foord?—I cannot explain how it was.

563. Have you any copy of your note?—I am not certain of that.

564. Will you look and see?—Yes, I will, certainly. I was under the impression that I had the cheque from Sir Julian Goldsmid to reimburse myself the 100*l.* which I had paid to the returning officer, and the 200*l.* must have come afterwards. If there is any mistake it must be in my saying that I had the 200*l.* first. I wrote to Sir Julian Goldsmid for a cheque to reimburse myself what I had paid to the returning officer.

565. I suppose you will have some entry or memorandum as to when you received the 210*l.*?—Yes, I did not make use of it. I know at once—it remained in my drawer for some days.

566. You would have some memorandum or entry showing when you received the 210*l.*?—Yes, in all probability.

567. Will you be so good as to refer and see the exact date when you received the 210*l.*?—Yes.

568. And perhaps you will be good enough to ascertain when it was that Mr. Edwards came and received the 1,300*l.* and you received the 200*l.*?—Yes, I will furnish you with those dates.

569. When did you pay the returning officer the 100*l.*?—I think it was upon the morning of the nomination. I recollect writing a cheque then.

570. What date would that be?—Saturday the 15th.

571. I thought you said you got this cheque from Sir Julian Goldsmid, and 200*l.* from Mr. Foord, upon the Wednesday or the Thursday?—I must have had it later than that. I was under the impression that the cheque for 200*l.* was to reimburse me the 100*l.* I had paid to the returning officer.

572. (Mr. Jeune.) You see it could not have been so if you got it upon Wednesday or Thursday?—No, I will refer to the dates and no doubt I shall be able to clear it up.

573. (Mr. Holl.) There are two accounts before me, and one is the account of claims in respect of Sir Julian Goldsmid's election at Sandwich, and my attention is called to this; how was it that when Messrs. Lewis & Lewis wrote to you stating that you had received 210*l.* on account, and say that the balance was 383*l.*, that you did not write back and say that you had received 200*l.* more?—I cannot explain it. I thought they knew it.

574. They say in their letter specifically that you have received 210*l.* on account, leaving a balance of 383*l.* and so?—Yes, it is so.

575. The account of claims handed in at the time of the election petition was 593*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*—they had got that before them, because they write and say that you have received 210*l.* on account, leaving a balance of 383*l.* Deducting the 210*l.* from the 593*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* it leaves that exact amount, so that would draw your attention to the fact that they supposed that out of this 593*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* you had only received the 210*l.*?—I had given no account whatever to Messrs. Lewis & Lewis in regard to the receipt of money.

576. Then they go on to say, "We regret to say that we cannot pass the account in its entirety, but beg to enclose a cheque for 350*l.* on account, receipt of which be good enough to acknowledge." So you see all they knew of any claim was for 593*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*; how was it you did not allude to the fact of your having received this 200*l.* from Mr. Foord?—I cannot explain it I am sure.

577. Was it because Foord's 200*l.* you knew had been spent for illegitimate and improper purposes?—No, I do not think that was it.

578. I do not see any account of the 40*l.* and 50*l.* that you gave to Coleman in this statement of claims?—No, it is in that which was handed in to the judges.

579. Therefore that 90*l.* would be, in point of fact, money that does not appear here?—Precisely so. There is another account that has been furnished since which has been handed in to the agent for election expenses.

580. I want to see why it was you did not make any mention of this 200*l.*; was it not because it had been spent in a manner which you knew was illegitimate?—I think very probably that may have actuated me. Messrs. Lewis & Lewis' letter did not call for a reply, and I might have been so engaged that I did not reply to it.

581. 90*l.* of this 200*l.* apparently you gave to Coleman, what became of the 110*l.*?—It has not been spent out

the moneys I received. I have now got a considerable balance.

582. Do you mean out of the 200*l.* apart from what is claimed here is in hand unexpended?—Yes, that money was intended to be expended in the payment of the 89*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* That 350*l.* which was sent by Messrs. Lewis & Lewis was to go in payment of expenses, but when the account was made up to lay before the election agent he objected to these public-houses, and that money remains in my hands.

583. Supposing the whole amount of 593*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* had been allowed, the 560*l.* which Messrs. Lewis & Lewis sent to you would only leave a balance of 33*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*; you had 200*l.* from Foord, of which 90*l.* you gave to Coleman, leaving 110*l.* in your hands so that you would have after receiving the cheques from Messrs. Lewis & Lewis, 110*l.* out of which to pay the 33*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* supposing everything in the claims account was paid?—Yes.

584. Do I understand you to say that no part of that 110*l.* was expended at all in any improper manner beyond that which you have told us?—No.

585. With regard to this first claim of 89*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* that has not been paid?—No, and the particulars of that you have in the account that has been handed in to day.

586. It is all for refreshments?—Yes.

587. None for the hire of rooms?—No.

588. Were those refreshments supplied so far as you know upon the election day?—I think they must have been the evening before the election and upon the election day to the best of my belief.

589. Do I understand you to say that you were unaware of those bills being incurred until they were sent in?—Yes.

590. By whose authority were those refreshments supplied—Coleman's?—Yes, although he does not admit he gave any specific directions for them—he will tell you he did not; but, however, if any one gave directions it must have been Coleman.

591. Then the next item is "Bell" hotel, Mrs. Hunter, and other houses; that has been paid?—Yes.

592. That consists of the 28*l.* for the seven houses, and 17*l.* for the "Bell" hotel?—Yes.

593. Was the "Bell" hotel the central committee room?—Yes, that was at the "Bell" hotel.

594. How long was that occupied?—17 days. I went to the hotel and took the house for the election, telling the landlord we should have a room there at the rate of 1*l.* per day, which would secure the house.

595. And you did not use the committee room?—Yes, but not so much as Mrs. Hunter's.

596. How often was the "Bell" hotel committee room used?—It may have been used half a dozen times; it was a room that we could have at any time, and run in and out of at any time.

597. You engaged the room for the election at 1*l.* a day?—Yes, and, in fact, the understanding was that he should not take the other party into his house—that we should hire the house.

598. What is the rateable value of the "Bell" hotel?—I believe he pays 40*l.* a year; it is the best hotel in the place.

599. There is the "Fleur-de-Lys"?—It is a better hotel than the "Fleur-de-Lys."

600. You spoke of two committee clerks, were they at Mrs. Hunter's, or the "Bell"?—It would be according to where we met; one or two evenings we met at the "Bell" hotel, and, of course, Mr. Woodruff was always there, and we also kept some one at the committee room at Mrs. Hunter's.

601. Did any one sit permanently at the "Bell" committee room, or did they only go there occasionally?—There was a daily messenger always left there, but I do not think we had our meetings there, in fact, I am sure we did not, we met at the other committee rooms generally.

602. Did you go to the "Bell" hotel more than two or three times?—I should think we did more than that.

603. I see the rateable value of the "Bell" is 25*l.*, and 17*l.* that was paid is more than half a year's rateable value?—We did not consider it overpaying, considering we were to have the house devoted to our services whenever we liked to go in, and that it was not to be used by the other party.

604. The next item is seven houses at 4*l.* a piece, and Mrs. Hunter; what house is that?—Mrs. Hunter is a widow and a draper, and has a very nice room opposite the Guildhall, and we generally have it as a committee

room, in order that we may meet there instead of the hotel, where, of course, we should be asked for refreshments; it is to prevent that.

605. Is it a large room?—Yes, a very nice room.

606. To what extent did you occupy that room?—If we met at the "Bell," we always met every day at Mrs. Hunter's; there was someone always running out and in.

607. Was it there the committee clerk was?—Yes, he was generally there.

608. How many days do you say it was used, and how long each day?—It was used all day; there was always someone there running in and out.

609. How many days did you take it before Sir Julian Goldsmid came down?—A few days before he came down. The fact is, that immediately Lord Brabourne was elevated to the peerage, we began to make arrangements for conducting the election, and we went to the "Bell" hotel to secure the house, and we also told Mrs. Hunter that we should want a committee room at her house.

610. You told her you should want it, but when did you first use it?—It was an arrangement that she should have 10*l.* for her room. The object was to prevent meeting at the "Bell" hotel; that induced us to have her room.

611. The next item is poles and banners, 26*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*?—I cannot give any information as to the parties who gave orders for those items. They came to me afterwards without any knowledge of them whatever. They were ordered by someone, no doubt, but who I cannot say.

612. You do not know at all?—No.

613. By whom is the claim made?—It is made by a Mr. Rose principally, I think.

614. Where of, is it Mr. Rose of Sandwich?—Yes, 22*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* for Mr. Rose, 19*s.* Mr. Guest, 1*l.* 15*s.* Hunter, and Grey 1*l.*; you have all the bills, I believe.

615. You do not know who ordered them at all?—No.

616. Do you know that they were supplied?—I think they were supplied.

617. Is T. Rose a voter?—Yes, he is a voter.

618. Is Hunter a voter?—That is Mrs. Hunter again, the lady to whom the committee room belongs.

619. Is her husband alive?—No, she is a widow.

620. Is Guest a voter?—Yes.

621. And is Grey a voter?—Yes.

622. You know nothing about it, beyond the claim being sent in?—No.

623. Then fly hire and conveyance, 10*l.* 18*s.*?—Yes, the other 5*l.* in the first account was for sundry flies, which I had paid, but it has since been taken off.

624. Then four carriages upon the day of the election, 1*l.* 6*s.* each?—That is the whole day, and the others were flies at various times, I suppose. That is a widow woman, so that there could be no object in giving money there. There was a small bill to Wingham of 15*s.*, which has not been paid, which was to convey a freeman from Preston to Sandwich. That is included in the 5*l.*, that I just now said has been taken out.

625. There is no detail of the 5*l.*?—No, not at all, it has been left out altogether; it was put down as something to indemnify against the sundry flies.

626. No account of from whom they were had, or anything about them?—No, it came out of my pocket, whatever it was.

627. Did you pay anyone that 5*l.*?—Yes, I believe I did; if I was in Deal and missed the train, I had a fly.

628. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you pay anybody the 5*l.*?—I paid it in small sums. The 5*l.* was put down to indemnify the sundry flies.

629. (*Mr. Holt.*) A fly taken for yourself, for instance?—Yes, it was a sum put in to indemnify and to reimburse me.

630. Then posting, 4*l.*; that has been paid. Was that for posting bills at Sandwich?—Yes.

631. That is paid to Gray; is that the same Gray we had just now?—No, quite a different man, a bill poster.

632. Is he a voter?—Yes.

633. He seems to have been paid 5*s.* a day; surely he would not go posting fresh bills every day?—Yes, I think very likely.

634. May 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th, 5*s.* each day, and so it goes on from the 12th to the 20th?—No doubt he can account for every occasion where he went with bills. There was a great deal of bill posting.

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635. I should have thought you would have had your bills posted one day, and done with it?—No, they were constantly coming out.

636. Where there are a great many, of course I can understand it, but where you have such a small quantity as 5s. a day, I do not see why it could not be done all at one time?—There was a good deal.

637. Then 25l. for out-voters, what is that?—It was an estimate that was put down for freemen who were residing in various parts of England, some residing in London. Two of those were paid, and the others have not been paid; but in making out the account in the first instance, we estimated what would be a reasonable charge to reimburse the men the railway expenses, because we could not get the railway passes. There was a man of the name of Nash, a freeman, who lived at Middlesboro', I had no communication with him before the election, but after the poll he came to me and said he wished to return home, and would I give him his expenses. Of course I was aware that he ought to have had a railway pass, and said at once it was irregular, but I asked him what his expenses came to, and he said 5l., and I paid him 5l. I paid Nash and Smith, but all the others have not been paid. Smith came from Essex. Nash is a highly respectable upholsterer living at Middlesboro', and beyond any tampering. His father was living at Sandwich. He always has voted in the Liberal interest and came up and gave his vote.

638. Was there any promise to pay his expenses previously?—No, I had no communication of any kind with him at all.

639. And it was paid after the election was over?—Yes, the very same day.

640. There was no previous bargain?—No, none whatever.

641. With regard to Smith?—He was the same. Formerly he was a shipwright in Sandwich, and came up and presented himself at the election, and after he had voted he had 3l. for his expenses.

642. Was there any communication with him previously?—I think he was asked to come and vote, but I do not think there was any promise with regard to his expenses, or anything of the kind. Those are the only two who have been paid.

643. 3l. would be a great deal more than his fare from Essex?—Yes; I suppose it would not be more than 2l.

644. A first-class return ticket would not be more than 25s. Upon the moment you have no time to look at the actual fare.

645. Was there any promise made to him as to what he should have?—No, none whatever.

646. You are sure of that?—Yes, I can speak positively that there was no stipulation made with either of those men.

647. Not even that their expenses should be paid?—No.

648. With regard to the other men, you say they never have been paid?—No, they have never been paid.

649. Did they come to vote?—Yes, they came and voted.

650. And none of them have been paid?—No.

651. Was anything promised to either of them?—No, there have been no promises made to them at all.

652. There are three Devisons who get 6l., and they come from Ramsgate; why was 6l. put down if no promise was made? Are you sure that nothing had been said to them?—I can explain why the 6l. was put down.

653. It would not come to more than 5s. each to come from Ramsgate?—I think the men had flies and brought their families with them, wishing to give them a little treat. It was an estimate, and not intended to be paid exactly, and it has not been paid.

654. Do you say that no promise had been made to them?—No.

655. Then there is an item of 5l.?—That applies to a number of voters from Ramsgate.

656. Was any promise made to them?—No, I think not.

657. You did not know who they were?—I knew them, but I had not seen them myself.

658. Why did you put down 5l. If they had got a fly over here and back it would not come to more than 1l.?—There may have been 7 or 8 of them, or 10. I cannot say how many there were, but they have not been paid,

and there was no promise made to them that I am aware of.

659. Are you quite sure that no promise was held out to them that they should have these sums of 5l., 6l., and so on?—Yes.

660. Then we have Denne, bill poster, 2l., where did he come from?—He is at Ramsgate, and when we had any bills they were sent over to Denne with instructions to post them, and to wait upon each freeman and leave a copy.

661. That is not his travelling expenses to come over and vote?—No, he is a kind of agent, and it is payment for his services.

662. Then watchmen 16l.?—That is a sum which Mr. Coleman had for paying 16 men, for watching the night before the election, I think it was, which was considered necessary at the time. Some of them are voters and some not.

663. How many of them were voters?—I am not prepared to state that, but Mr. Coleman can tell you.

664. Did Coleman pay them?—Yes, he had the money from me, and it has gone into the agent for election expenses.

665. What were they employed to watch? I do not quite understand it?—We will say that a certain number of poor voters had promised to vote for us, and the other party were endeavouring to get them from us, and these men were appointed to watch certain houses and to take care that they were not extracted from us during the night. Some of these watchers were voters and the others were not, and they each had 1l.

666. Most of them were voters I suppose?—No doubt the majority of them were voters, but I think they were employed without reference to that at all; they were selected as the best and most appropriate men for the purpose.

667. Do you mean that they watched all night?—Yes, all night.

668. Has Coleman got their names?—Yes; I think you have a list of them in his voucher.

669. Then printing, 15l.: register of electors, committee clerk, and assistant, 10l. and 5l. Who is the committee clerk?—Mr. Woodruff.

670. He could not have been engaged more than five or six days. Sir Julian Goldsmid does not come down till the 10th and the election is upon the 18th, and there is Sunday to come out?—The whole week before that he was engaged running about, and even if he had only been engaged three or four days he would have had his 10l. He has always had his 10l. whether he has been engaged three or four days, or three weeks.

671. Is he a voter?—Yes.

672. Who is the assistant?—A young man living with Mr. Woolnough.

673. Is he a voter?—No.

674. Is Woolnough a voter?—Yes.

675. Who got the 5l., Mr. Woolnough?—No, the assistant clerk.

676. What was he doing?—He was assisting in directing circulars,

677. Now, in your judgment, did you really require two clerks?—Yes, I think so.

678. Then messengers, personation clerks, and so on, 35l.?—You have a list of that I think; that was handed in to the agent for election expenses. There was a personation clerk to each booth.

679. There were two booths?—Yes.

680. And therefore that would be two clerks?—Yes.

681. (Mr. Turner.) That was upon the polling day?—Yes.

682. (Mr. Holl.) How much did they get?—1l. 1s. each. You will find it all set out what each of them had. They were to get the names of the voters when they came away from polling and to communicate it to the committee room.

683. Then Walter Simmonds, 2 guineas; James Gray, 6l.; Nazer, 4l. Who was Nazer?—Nazer was an attendant upon the committee room during the whole of the election, and I think he also delivered bills. Gray was an attendant messenger also.

684. Nazer and Gray are both voters?—Yes, both voters.

685. Then we have Walter Simmonds and W. C. Simmonds; one gets one guinea and the other two guineas; what were they?—They were doing work in the committee room at the time of the election.

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686. As messengers?—Yes, and writers too, I think.

687. What day would these people be employed as messengers? There are 27 of them I see?—The greater portion of them no doubt were only employed upon the day of the election, but the others were in constant attendance.

688-9. Why should you want 20 messengers at 10s. 6d. each on the day of the election?—They were being sent in various directions. I cannot say that they were all required, and we could have done with a less number no doubt.

690. Are these all voters?—No, very few of them.

691. I should like you to tick on the list making up the 35l., with a cross, those who are voters?—I will do so; I can get a list of them from Woodruff, the committee clerk.

692. Then Coleman, 40l. expenses; is that the 40l. you mentioned to us?—Yes, and for which you have his receipt.

693. That is the 40l. which was partly expended in paying the accounts at the public-houses and partly in rosettes?—Yes.

694. Now with regard to the item of 48l. 17s. 3d., personal expenses at the "Bell" hotel; of what does that consist?—It consists of three bills, I think; nearly the whole of that was incurred upon the day of the election; one bill you will find was supplying refreshments to the committee room belonging to Mrs. Hunter during the day of the election; it was necessary to supply the staff with some refreshments.

695. But still 50l. is a large sum?—There are three bills you will find. One bill is for the entertainment which Sir Julian Goldsmid had upon the day of the election, and another bill was for a dinner we had—a number of us belonging to the staff in the adjoining room. It is not correct to put it, perhaps, as personal expenses, because they were not, perhaps, all personal expenses.

696. I will ask you at the same time to tick the watchers who are voters. You said, I believe, that they were nearly all voters?—No, they were not all voters.

697. One bill is 11l. 6s. 4d.; as far as you know, was any of that refreshment supplied to voters?—No, not in the way of treating, or anything of that sort. You will find the largest bill is a bill for a dinner that we had.

698. Refreshment to staff and messengers from the 7th to the 18th, 32l. 12s. 5d. Is that for refreshments supplied to the committee room?—Yes.

699. Did they begin to have refreshments supplied before Sir Julian Goldsmid came down?—I think very likely we did.

700. How many were there having refreshments?—There might be seven or eight sometimes.

701. It is at the rate of three guineas a day every day from the 7th to the 18th; do you think anybody went to have refreshments except the staff?—No doubt the bills should be subject to taxation, but they are not—they are made out, and we pay them.

702. Were all these refreshments consumed by the staff?—Yes.

703. No refreshments given to the voters?—No, nothing in the way of treating voters whatever.

704. (Mr. Turner.) Is Filmer a voter?—Yes.

705. (Mr. Holl.) How was it that this room at the "Bell" was charged for 17 days?—From the time I went to him to hire the house till after the election on the following Saturday; I suppose it was 17 days, and he charged 1l. a day.

706. It could not be 17 days from the time Sir Julian Goldsmid came, and surely you would not take the house 10 days before he came?—I might a week before; immediately I saw that something was likely to arise, I went to the "Bell" hotel and took the house. I will not say it was ten days before Sir Julian Goldsmid came, because it might not be so long as that, but it was a week before.

707. This is a charge for ten days before Sir Julian

Goldsmid ever came down. Have these accounts which are certified in the return of election expenses been paid by you?—Yes.

708. And this 443l. 5s. 11d., I may take it, has come out of moneys that have passed through your hands?—Yes, they have been paid by me.

709. Altogether you say you have received 760l.?—Yes, that is right.

710. That leaves a difference of 316l.?—You have to add 50l. which was paid to Coleman.

711. That would leave in point of fact in your hands, deducting what was paid in the election returns, and the 50l. paid to Coleman, 266l. 14s. 1d.?—Yes.

712. Do I understand that no part of the money that you received, except what you paid, and which is vouched in the election returns, and 50l. you paid to Coleman, has been spent by you during the election?—No.

713. Nor by anybody on your behalf?—No, I am not aware of it; and it has all been left in my hands.

714. You have not paid any money yourself directly or through anyone else?—No, I have stated everything that passed through me.

715. I understand you to say that you spent nothing beyond the 443l. 5s. 11d., and the 50l. you handed to Coleman?—No.

716. That is all that passed through your hands directly or indirectly?—Yes.

717. Have you got any memorandum, or diary, or cash book in which you have entered the different amounts you have paid?—No, none whatever.

718. (Mr. Jeune.) I suppose you cashed Sir Julian Goldsmid's cheque for 210l. through the bank?—Yes, the London and County Bank; it did not go into my account because I took the money for it, and there would be nothing in my book to show it at all.

719. You simply went into the Bank and cashed the cheque?—Yes, and got the money for it.

720. You did not cash it, I believe, for a day or two after you received it?—No, I am sure I kept it for a day or two.

721. You will produce the correspondence between you and Sir Julian Goldsmid and his agents?—Yes, I will produce any letters that I have.

722. You have copies, I suppose, of letters that you wrote to Messrs. Lewis and Lewis?—Yes, I think I have copies of those letters.

723. Sir Julian Goldsmid, I suppose, wrote a letter when he sent you the cheque?—I think the cheque was handed to me by Mr. Mercer. I have no letter, I think.

724. There are some letters of yours to Messrs. Lewis and Lewis?—Yes, I think I can find some of those.

725. There are the two canvass books that you are to produce?—Yes, I will produce them.

726. Are those claims that have been handed in all that have been made by you in connexion with the election?—Yes, there are none others. I have handed in all the claims. I said to the judges that we did not admit the accounts, but these are all the claims delivered in.

727. These are all the claims that ever have been made upon you?—Yes, we have had no other claims.

728. Not *viva voce* either?—No, I am not aware of any.

729. Has anybody since the election come to you and claimed money, or stated that anything had been promised to them, which they had not had?—No, I have had no application made to me whatever.

730. (Mr. Holl.) Except what you have mentioned as regards Coleman?—Yes.

131. I think he told you there were persons who claimed to be paid certain sums?—Yes, but those parties themselves have not come to anyone to make a claim.

732. That only came to you through Coleman?—Yes.

733. And that Coleman will give us the details of?—Yes.

Adjourned to to-morrow at ten o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, 6th October 1880.

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SAMUEL SPOFFORTH re-called, and further examined.

734. (*Mr. Joune.*) Mr. Crompton Roberts thought, did he not, of standing at the general election?—Yes.

735. You went down to ascertain what his chances would be if he stood again?—I sent my clerk Simmons down.

736. And you came to the conclusion that Sir Julian Goldsmid and Mr. Brassey were too firmly established in the seats to be shaken?—Having regard to the lateness of the sending down.

737. Mr. Crompton Roberts was given to understand, then, I think, that if there should be a vacancy by Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen being made a peer, he should hear of it, and that he should have a chance of standing?—Yes.

738. Upon the 27th March you received a letter, I think, from Mr. Usher upon the subject?—Yes.

739. Have you got the letter?—I should say I have got it, it may be amongst my general letters.

740. It was received upon the 27th March, upon the next day you went down with Mr. Roberts to Deal?—My clerk Simmons did.

741. And there they met Dr. Hulke, Mr. Usher, Mr. Spiers, Dr. Mason, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Edward Cloke?—I believe so from my clerk's statement.

742. At that time you understood that it was not settled finally that Mr. Crompton Roberts was to stand?—It was not.

743. But upon the 4th May he received a telegram asking him to go down to Deal as a candidate, and he went down that day and issued his address?—Yes.

744. That was how his candidature came about?—Yes, I am not sure whether he went down upon the 4th or 5th, but it was on a Tuesday I know. I am pretty certain he went down upon the 4th.

745. I will now pass on to the time of the petition, can you tell me when you were first—I will not say retained,—but when you first began to be engaged in connexion with the petition, was it directly after the petition was presented?—Yes, immediately.

746. Did you go down yourself to look into the case personally?—Yes.

747. Directly?—No, not directly, within a week. I stated in my evidence, yesterday, I think, that I was down three or four times, but I really believe it was only twice.

748. Was Mr. Simmons down here with you?—No.

749. I do not know whether you are able to give me what day these particulars were delivered by Messrs. Lewis and Lewis?—I cannot remember, and I doubt whether there is any record.

750. The judges' order would show, of course, when they ought to have been delivered. I should rather like to get at the day when the particulars were given to you—perhaps this will fix it “The Petitioners are at present “unable to give any further names,” and so on, and then it is dated 23rd July 1880?—It might have been that day or the day after.

751. It would be about that time?—We obtained 10 days further time I think, so when they were originally delivered I do not know.

752. Summonses were taken out for further time, but I take it the date 23rd July 1880 does show about the date when the particulars came into your hands?—Yes.

753. After that you were down here looking into the matter, and to the truth of these charges?—Yes.

754. Who was helping you at the time, was Mr. Simmons down here with you?—No.

755. You were down here by yourself?—Yes, entirely by myself.

756. Therefore it was you who verified and looked into the particulars, and proceeded to test them, and to see how far the charges were likely to be made out?—Yes.

757. This brief, I suppose, was drawn by you?—Yes.

758. I see this, “There can be no doubt that bribery “did extensively prevail, but the respondent denies “that it was with his knowledge and consent,” the conclusion you came to upon your investigation was, I suppose, that bribery did extensively prevail?—Yes, I was under that impression.

759. These particulars were gone through by you and these marks in red ink are your marks, I suppose?—Yes.

760. They are the same marks that are referred to in the brief?—Yes.

761. I see this sentence occurs, “The particulars to “accompany this brief have a red tick opposite the “register number which indicates that money is believed “to have been paid to the voter named.” Are those (*pointing*) the red ticks to which you refer?—Yes, from that point downwards, I think.

762. Then I find this sentence, “It must be admitted “that certain men, against whose names red marks “appear in the particulars were paid sums of money by “John James Ralph, number 221 in the particulars, in “the presence of Elliott.” I do not quite know which red marks those would be?—I do not think I can give the special names unless the names are given in the brief.

763. I want to know what red marks those are. I find this, “It must be admitted that certain men against “whose names red marks appear in the particulars were “paid sums of money by John James Ralph in the “presence of Elliott,” what red marks are those. I have called your attention to ticks, but what red marks are those?—I have no doubt the red marks mean the ticks.

764. Was it your impression that all the persons whose names were ticked were paid by John James Ralph?—No, only certain persons whose names I have there in the brief. I do not see anything in the brief which enables me to earmark the particular persons who received money from Ralph, nor have I any recollection to enable me to earmark them in any way, it is a general statement.

765. It certainly would appear from that sentence as if there were some red marks in some particulars which specially indicated the men that Ralph had bribed?—No.

766. Then there is this sentence, “Where no money “was paid the word ‘No’ is written.” Those are, I suppose, these “Noes” that I find here time after time?—Yes.

767. Then, a little later in the particulars, besides the word “No” other words are written, for instance there is “No” then the word “Liberal” what does that mean?—I suppose that it means that he was a Liberal.

768. “No” means that he was not bribed, and “Liberal” means that he was a Liberal and not likely to be bribed?—Yes.

769. Then I find “No, had money for canvassing,” that means, I suppose, that he was not bribed, but that he had money for canvassing?—Yes.

770. Then a little later on I find “No, colourable,” what does that mean?—It means that he had other employment.

771. That he had employment which in your opinion was colourable employment?—Yes.

772. Then later on there is the word “No, committee,” what does that mean?—Perhaps he was on the committee. I think that was the reason of it.

773. Then I find this sentence, “All the persons “charged as bribers it is believed were entrusted with money, but only in three cases” (I will not mention the names but the names are given) “are the names of the “bribers and bribees coupled in the particulars.” I do not quite understand that sentence, does not it mean this, that only in those three cases are the particulars correct

in charging the right bribee and the right briber?—No, it does not, I am certain of that.

774. (*Mr. Holl.*) It cannot mean that there are only three cases where the names are coupled at all, because there are many cases where they are coupled?—It does not mean correctly coupled I am certain.

775. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Then I see it goes on "These three men are considered by the Conservatives to be very doubtful, and may possibly have split." I suppose, therefore, what was passing in your mind at the time was that those three persons had in fact bribed somebody or another?—Yes.

776. Or rather I should have said been bribed, because these three persons named are put down in the particulars as having received bribes?—Yes, that is so.

777. Then comes this "All the men alleged to have given bribes are staunch, and all their men are the same," that means, I presume, all the men whom they had in fact bribed?—Yes.

778. Then there is this, "Ralph says that one or two of his men are rather afraid of Elliot's turning up, because it was understood he was gone to America." Elliot has in fact gone to America has he not?—I do not know.

779. At the time you wrote that, was it your belief upon the subject?—Yes.

780. Then you say, "All the men alleged to have given bribes are staunch, and all their men are the same"; I suppose you had ascertained at that time upon your inquiries, that there was ground for supposing that those men had given bribes?—Yes.

781. Are these red marks in the particulars the result of your personal inquiries upon the spot?—The observations in the margin in contra-distinction to the red marks, are the result of my personal observations.

782. The red observations in the margin are your observations and the result of your personal inquiries, but the red ticks are the result of whose observations?—They are from information I received.

783. Now I come to those notes in the margin with regard to the particulars of bribery, and I see opposite one man here is put "Never did anything," that means, I suppose, that you ascertained upon inquiry that in point of fact he had not bribed?—Yes, certainly.

784. Then I see opposite another name "Never bribed"?—Yes, I give the same answer.

785. Then in another case I see put down "At sea," that means that he could not bribe and had not bribed in fact because he was at sea. Then with regard to another I see put "Dead," then another "Liberal," and another "Dead some months before the election." All these things were things that you ascertained yourself upon your inquiries down here, and inserted as the result of those inquiries?—Yes, just so.

786. In the same way those notes that I read, such as "No," "Liberal," and other things of that kind, are matters that you had ascertained upon your inquiries down here?—Not down here.

787. For instance a man is charged with having been bribed, and you have written opposite his name "No," how did you ascertain as a fact that the man had not been bribed?—I was told by a third party that he had not been.

788. I suppose with regard to the note "No, had money for canvassing," "No, colourable employment," I may take it that the third party told you in each case that it was a mistake to suppose that the person had been so employed, in other words, from the information of the third party you made the notes in red ink which appear upon the particulars?—Yes.

789. I suppose it was from the information of that same third party that you made the ticks which also appear in the particulars?—Yes.

790. Who was the third party?—I would rather not give his name.

791. I am afraid we must have his name?—Will you allow me to write it down?

792. Yes, certainly. (*The witness writes the name upon a piece of paper which is handed to the Commissioner.*) You went through, with this third person, these particulars, and he gave you the information which practically we find upon these particulars?—Yes.

793. He told you opposite to whose names to put ticks, and he told you opposite to whose names to write, "No," "Dead," and "Liberal," and all the rest of it?—Yes, quite so.

794. Did you yourself verify any of that information, did you see any of these people?—No, I did not.

795. In no case did you see any of the alleged bribers, or alleged bribees personally, and find out whether the story was true?—I think I saw some of the alleged bribers, but I cannot say which.

796. Could you by looking at the particulars tell me? I do not think I could with the exception of Ralph.

797. You saw Ralph personally?—Yes.

798. Ralph told you what sum of money he had had?—No, he did not tell me what sum of money he had had, and I never asked.

799. Of course he told you he had had money?—He did not tell me in words, but he did inferentially. I never asked him.

800. Did he tell you what persons he had given money to?—No, he did not.

801. He is charged with having bribed certain persons here, I supposed you asked him whether in fact it was true, and whether a case could be made out in regard to those persons?—I cannot say that I asked him in reference to any particular names, but names were given in my presence, which led me to suppose that the charge might be sustained.

802. I suppose those names, or some of them, at any rate, were the names of persons charged in these particulars?—Yes, some of them.

803. Did Ralph tell you in detail which of the charges could be proved, and which of the charges could not?—No, I think not. I may say he did not.

804. Did he tell you that any of the charges could not be proved?—I do not remember that he did.

805. He knew, of course, what persons he was accused of having bribed?—He did, you may assume.

806. And he did not tell you that in any of those cases the charge was a groundless one, and could be disproved?—I could not remember that he did.

807. With regard to the public-houses that appear in the particulars as having been engaged, I see you have a note opposite them that Mr. Olds engaged all the houses, and you state the way in which he did so. I suppose you had communication with Mr. Olds upon the subject, and he gave you the information himself?—No, the communication was from the same source.

808. You mean the third person that you have mentioned?—Yes.

809. He told you what Mr. Olds had in fact done, and you wrote it down here?—Yes.

810. Was Ralph the only person charged with having bribed who you saw personally?—Yes, so far as I remember.

811. Perhaps if you take the particulars you can think of some more (*handing the particulars to the witness*)?—Yes, I had interviews with Mr. Spears.

812. (*Mr. Holl.*) Is that William Frost Spears?—Yes. I forget whether I saw William Spears. I saw John Lemon Adams, and Valentine Myhill. I also saw George Phillpott, Ralph, Elliott, John Lemon Adams, and Jack Adams. I am not quite sure of Jack Adams, but as there is a memorandum opposite his name I may have seen him, but I do not call him to mind. Then with regard to Thomas Phillips there is a memorandum opposite the name, but I do not remember him. I saw George Hooper, and William Lock. Then there is Betts; I do not remember him, and I think the information was given to me. I do not think I saw him.

813. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I have the original particulars here, and I cannot from them make out the meaning of the sentence I read to you just now, to this effect, "All the persons charged as bribers it is believed were entrusted with money, but only in three cases are the names of the bribers and bribees coupled in the particulars"?—I cannot give any further answer. I do not know.

814. It follows from that that all the bribers were entrusted with money, but only in three cases are the names of the bribers and the bribees coupled. One would understand from it that all had money, but only in three cases were the bribers and bribees rightly charged?—No doubt that is the fair inference, but I cannot call to mind whether or not that was the meaning of it.

815. I was asking you about the persons bribed that you saw. Of course you saw them to ascertain whether or no the charges in the particulars were likely to be made out; that was your object in seeing them, of course?—Yes.

816. May I take it that all they gave you to under-

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stand was that what was shown by the red marks in the particulars was substantially true; that is to say, where there was a tick there had been an act of bribery?—No, not so far as that; I only learned from them that money had been entrusted to them.

817. They gave you in every case to understand that they had had money entrusted to them?—I think I may say almost in every case where the opposite does not appear in the note.

818. I presume where you thought you had gone far enough, and they told you they had had money entrusted to them, you understood perfectly that the money had been spent in an illegitimate way?—That was the natural understanding.

819. Did they tell you who had entrusted them with that money?—No.

820. Did you ask them?—No, I did not ask them.

821. We have dealt with the persons bribing, now we will take the persons bribed, did you see any of them?—No.

822. Not a single one?—Not in any individual instance, and I never asked to see them.

823. You never personally saw them?—No, I never personally saw them, nor inquired of them.

824. And you did not send any one to enquire of them?—No.

825. You did not get any information from them, directly or indirectly?—No, I did not.

826. I see you say, "Ralph says that one or two of his men are rather afraid of Elliott turning up." That is what he told you, I suppose?—Yes.

827. Did he tell you which men were afraid of Elliott turning up?—No.

828. That meant, I suppose, that Elliott had been concerned in payments made to these men, and they were afraid of his turning up and splitting?—Yes, exactly.

829. You never saw Elliott?—Yes, I took a long proof down from him.

830. You understood from Elliott that he had been engaged in bribing certain persons?—I understood it from him, but I did not ask him the question, because I was upon another matter with another object, and then he disappeared.

831. When Ralph told you that some of his men were afraid of Elliott turning up, what he meant to convey was that they were afraid Elliott would turn up, and would give some information or another which would compromise them?—Yes, that he would split.

832. You told me yesterday that you found that Elliott had been up to London, and was supposed to have given information to Mr. George Lewis?—I understood it from himself.

833. It was through Elliott, as you understand it, that Mr. George Lewis and the petitioner got on the track of the bribery, and obtained their first information?—That was only a matter of supposition. I have no means of forming any opinion upon it beyond mere rumour.

834. It was merely from what you were told, and the other evidence which you obtained?—Yes.

835. I see opposite one name here, No. 122, John Chapman Grant, there is written, "If at all by a man named License, not charged as a briber." From whom did you obtain that information?—I cannot say.

836. Was it from the third person you have named?—No.

837. Did you see Mr. John Chapman Grant?—No.

838. Can you tell me where you found out that, if at all, he had been bribed by a man named Lysons?—No.

839. Do you know who License was?—No.

840. You did not see License himself?—No.

841. And you cannot tell me from what information you wrote that?—No, it was from information obtained down here.

842. Then, opposite the name of Thomas Cribben, junior, boatman, there is written, "Received 3*l*. to vote for Sir Julian. It was put into his wife's lap, and she gave it to him, and she can prove it." Did you see her?—No.

843. Can you tell me from where you obtained that information?—No, I cannot; I do not remember seeing Cribben.

844. Have you any memorandum of seeing Cribben?—No. I may have seen him, but I do not remember it,

because I saw a good many people mostly charged as bribers, and a very few, if any, charged as bribees.

845. You must have received this information from some one, because it is very specific, "Received 3*l*. to vote for Sir Julian. It was put into his wife's lap, and she gave it to him, and she can prove it." That must have been given to you by somebody?—I must have put it down, because it is in red ink, but from whom I received the information I cannot say.

846. Then I see opposite to one name here, "Dead some months before the election, 26th September 1879. Certificate produced and proved by Mr. Olds." That is opposite the name of Henry Nicholas, boatman, and it suggests to me to ask you this, did you ask Mr. Olds as to the truth of these charges?—Do you mean as regards that particular person?

847. Yes?—Mr. Olds brought me the certificate of death or produced it.

848. Did he give you any other information with regard to any other of these persons besides producing the certificate?—I do not remember that he did. I was often in communication with him, and I saw him several times during the visits I paid here before the hearing of the petition.

849. We have him giving you information as regards one person out of a very large list, did he not give you any information with regard to any other persons who were alleged to have been bribed?—No.

850. He must have gone through this list, and picked out this one whose death he could prove, did you not ask him about any other cases of bribery?—I did not particularly ask him, but I am bound to say I formed an impression from what passed as to the truth of the charges in regard to a considerable portion of them. I cannot go further than that; but so far I must go.

851. Then I see opposite the name of Valentine Myhill this written, "He never touched one of these men given below." I suppose that was information which you derived from Valentine Myhill himself?—Yes.

852. It means that he never bribed, I suppose?—Yes.

853. Did he tell you who he had given money to?—No.

854. You understood he had given money to other people, though not to the men mentioned below?—Yes, inferentially.

855. Then against Walter Dixon Bushell there is written, "No, it was William, of Belmont Place." That means to say that it was William Bushell, of Belmont, who had bribed these persons, and not Walter Dixon Bushell?—Yes, that is the inference.

856. Can you say where you derived that information?—No, I cannot.

857. Did you see William Bushell?—I have no remembrance of it.

858. Do you know where you got that information from?—No.

859. Was it from the third person you mentioned?—No.

860. It must have been from some one who knew a good deal about it, because the note is in effect, "It was not that Bushell, the real Bushell was William Bushell, of Belmont Place"?—I do not remember seeing Bushell.

861. From whom do you think you got the information that it was not Walter Dixon Bushell who had been distributing money but William Bushell?—I cannot say; I do not think it was the third person.

862. Who could it have been if it was not the person himself, and was not the third person. Was it Mr. Olds, do you think?—I do not remember that it was Mr. Olds, it might have been.

863. Cannot you recollect who it was pointed out to you that error that they had made a mistake in charging the wrong Bushell; that although a Bushell ought to have been charged, it was the wrong one they had got hold of?—No, I cannot remember.

864. How did you make it up. Of course all this was written down at once. I want to know from what notes or memoranda did you make it out. Did you take down notes or memoranda when you saw these various persons?—I made no notes; I went through the particulars generally.

865. I mean, in these particulars we find in red ink the results of a good deal of inquiry and a good deal of information. Did you carry all that inquiry and infor-

mation in your head, or did you make notes when you saw the various persons, and then compile the red ink observations from the notes?—No, the particulars were gone through.

866. Gone through with these various persons?—No, with the third person.

867. Then that looks to me as if it was that person you got it from?—I cannot say, it may have been, I do not remember.

868. Do you remember whether you wrote these red notes and made the ticks at once; that is to say, when you went through them with that person, did you write them down then and there, or did you afterwards compile the red observations and the red ticks from other sources?—I ticked it in the particulars.

869. You went through with him, and ticked it then and there?—Yes.

870. And did you make most of those notes when you were going through it with him?—Not the marginal notes, but I may have written some of the notes not purely marginal.

871. You mean by the marginal notes those on the left hand side and the other ones opposite the names?—Yes.

872. And most of those notes, written not marginal notes but opposite the names, were written, were they, when you were going through the particulars with this third person?—Yes, I think so.

873. Is it not most probable that it was from information from that third person that you wrote down these notes opposite which there was the person whose name ought to have been inserted. Does not that strike you as most probable?—From my answer it does.

874. From your recollection do not you think it was that person who gave you that information; who else could have given it you?—I cannot say who else could have given it me.

875. I see here the words "Clear of all this list;" what does that mean; opposite a good many names here there is written the words—"Clear of this list?"—It meant, so far as I recollect, that parties who were charged here as bribers had not bribed any one of the persons whom they were charged with bribing. The list referred to those numbers which go from 192 to 220. I have a remembrance of that.

876. They had not got the right bribers put against the right people?—Yes; that is the meaning of it.

877. I see all these names are afterwards ticked, so that it meant they had been bribed, but they had not been bribed by the persons whose names are put down as the bribers; that would be it?—I do not say they had been bribed, but they voted for the respondent, and probably had been bribed. I did not ask the question, had they been bribed.

878. Now opposite the name Joseph Henry Redsull, I see written the words "Never did anything." Was Joseph Henry Redsull, a man you saw yourself?—I assume, from my having made a memorandum opposite him, he was.

879. You saw him and he denied it?—I do not remember him; but I assume that as I made a memorandum opposite his name I did see him. I wish the Commissioners to understand this, because I forget some things, particularly in witnesses; they were only in with me two or three minutes. I asked them a question and they retired, so that I do not remember them individually; they are not impressed upon my memory by name.

880. That is very natural; we cannot expect you to remember every single thing everybody told you, that would be absurd?—Or even the men themselves.

881. Of course not. There is a man here, Mr. John Lemon Adams, and opposite to that I see you have written, "He himself took money from the Blues;" and opposite Jack Adams, the next name, I see the words "the same," with this addition on the other side, "Will give their names if desired." You saw them, I suppose?—I think I remember the former Adams, but I do not remember the other one.

882. But from the fact of the note being there you rather come to the conclusion that you did see them?—Yes.

883. And if you saw them, I presume they gave you that information?—Certainly.

884. Now opposite this name, for example, William D. Lane, I see the word "Elliot"?—That means I think he is one of the men whom "Elliot" dealt with.

885. And I see you put it in your brief to show how

recklessly the case is got up. There are two men charged with bribery, No. 221, John Lemon Adams and Jack Adams, father and son, they will both swear that neither of them were ever paid a penny to vote, and they can both further swear, if required, that they received money to vote for the petitioner, and will give the name of the person who paid them?—Well, I really did not remember that.

886. But that was probably the result, as far as you can recollect, of your interviews with these two persons?—Undoubtedly, as I stated before.

887. Now, here is a charge with regard to William Burwell Mackie, he is put down as having bribed George Williams, with a payment of 3*l.*, part payment of 5*l.* for his vote. I see opposite that is the word "Mackie" written, what does that mean?—That I cannot explain. Mackie is the man charged, do you see.

888. Does that mean that Mackie had in fact bribed him?—I am not prepared to say that.

889. Now take another one where the name is different; there is Thomas James Usher, who is charged with having bribed Stephen Huxstep, and opposite to that is written the word "Wray;" what does that mean?—I cannot say. I do not remember.

890. Does it mean it was at Wray's house, or that Wray was the person who had really bribed him?—Wray is the man charged with bribery, I suppose, but I really cannot say.

891. There is no Wray on the register that I can find; it is spelt W-r-a-y, and I cannot find any Wray on the register. Do you know who Wray was?—I do not.

892. Now take the next one, Wise; in the same way, opposite Thomas James Usher, there is the word "Wise;" it is put opposite "These men work for the corporation, Mr. Usher being the borough surveyor; they have charged him, he denies the charge most positively;" do not those words mean that, though Usher had not given the money to those persons, Wray and Wise had?—I do not remember that it does mean that. It is a reasonable inference, I admit.

893. Reading that sentence in the same way as the other words, is it not the case that those words are put in as a correction to show what the real fact about the particular charge was. Is not that so; that is a reasonable inference to draw from those words, is it not?—I admit it is.

894. I see in these particulars there are some charges made of this description; for instance, "Giving an order for a number of fireworks, in value about 40*l.*, which order was to induce them to vote for the respondent;" that is one of the charges made, and the person said to have been bribed is Charles William Frost, and the person bribing is Hughes, and against that you have written, "Nethersole gave this order; they were never used or paid for." Was that information derived from Mr. Nethersole?—I will not say I derived it from Mr. Nethersole, but I derived it probably from some other person who informed me of it.

895. With regard to the next one, I see Edwin Hughes is said to have given an order for goods to Mr. Samuel Loyns, and below that is written, "Order given by Marley, to whom Usher gave cheque for 39*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*" Who is Marley?—I forget who Marley is, unless he is a tradesman here.

896-7. You see what it is, "Order given by Marley to whom Usher gave cheque for 39*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*" Do you recollect who gave you that information?—Most probably Usher. I will not swear, but most probably it was Usher. I was in constant communication with Usher on this matter.

898. I daresay Mr. Usher can tell us about that. Then there is 10*l.* for the Wesleyan Chapel, which I think does not matter. Then there is this—Edwin Hughes is charged with having given a large order, about 500*l.* for flags, bunting &c. to William Pittock. Opposite that I see is written, "Hughes gave this order." Then further is written "Rosettes and calico and ribbons from Usher, 39*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* never entered in his book." Do you remember what that means?—I think the information from which I made that entry is—

899. From Usher probably?—From Usher probably.

900. In the same way I see there is another entry, "Usher gave cheque for colours and calico for flags, 13*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.*" I suppose that probably would be information derived from Usher?—Yes.

901. In the same way with regard to this one "Usher gave this order for flags and colours together, 6*l.* 15*s.*; flags 5*l.* 15*s.*, and rosettes 1*l.*" That again would be information from Usher I suppose?—Very probably.

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902. Then I see there is a charge made against Edwin Hughes, William Frost Spears and George Edward Porter, of having given colourable employment to Thomas Baker in putting up poles. Opposite that you have written "Spears, W. F., gave this, and had the "money from Hughes." I presume you mean it was Spears who gave that order, and that he received the money to pay for it from Hughes?—Yes.

903. That I suppose was information you obtained?—Yes, I think from Spears.

904. I see you have here "W. F. Spears paid for all," that is with reference to the poles. I suppose W. F. Spears told you he had paid for all those?—I think so.

905. With regard to the charge made of taking the pier there is this, "Hughes says he paid 15*l.* for the pier "for the sake of popularity, and charged it as personal "expenses." That I suppose was information which Mr. Hughes gave you?—He did.

906. Then "Wise." There is a person called James Wise, is there not?—Yes.

907. And he is a voter, I see, residing at Victoria Villa, Deal. You saw James Wise, did you not?—I saw him with Elliott.

908. Is it possible he may have given you the information which led you to put down the word "Wise" in that place I called your attention to just now?—Possibly, but I think not. I do not think from what I remember of my interview with Wise that I did put that down from that—in fact, I am sure I did not.

909. Is there a draft proof of Dr. Hulke's among these papers?—I don't remember a draft proof. I think there is some evidence given by him in the brief.

910. There is a regular drawn proof in the brief?—If I remember rightly, I think it was sent up to London. There it is (*showing the same to the Commissioners*).

911. What paper is that (*handing a paper to the witness*). Is that in your handwriting?—Yes.

912. That looks to me like a rough draft of the various persons, or some of them, charged with bribery or being bribed, and notes of yours opposite their names. Is that so?—It is.

913. I see it begins, "List of alleged bribees," is the word, I think?—"Bribers," I think.

914. I think it must be "bribees," for I observe the third is "he never had a penny"?—You can check that by reference to the particulars.

915. That is true. "He never had a penny" must mean "He never had a penny to distribute"?—Yes.

916. Now let us work it out. I see here "Spence's men are all straight," and then follow three names. Does that mean that those three names were the names of that person's men?—It is "Smith, L. Warden, "Kent." I know there is an hotel here called the "Lord Warden." I do not know whether the man's name is Smith.

917. What does that mean—"says his men are all "straight, Smith, L. Warden, Kent." Does that mean that Smith, and somebody connected with the "Lord "Warden" and Kent were his men?—I cannot say.

918. It looks like it, does it not?—I cannot say really. I cannot remember what it means.

919. Does it mean that these were the persons whom this individual employed to distribute money?—I cannot answer that question.

920. "Says his men are all straight," what does that signify now to your mind?—It meant this, I suppose, that I had asked him if he had done anything, and he might have said he had; and I should say, "Have "you any fear of what you have done," and he might have said, "No."

921. Do you think it meant they were the men he employed to distribute the money, or the men he had given the money to?—Probably the men he had given the money to.

922. It is "Smith, L. Warden, Kent," and then it goes on, "not one of his bribees charged"?—That means, I suppose, that no person whom he had bribed had been charged. That is the meaning of it, I have no doubt. I have no hesitation in saying that. That must have been my impression at the time I wrote it down.

923. I think that must be so?—I think so—the other I cannot explain.

924. Then I see there is "W. B. Mackie," and opposite his name is written "see below," and then there is "all "in the Downs" in inverted commas. What does that mean?—He was at sea.

925. At sea, and wished to remain there?—I do not know—possibly.

926. I think my conjecture is not far wrong?—Well, they are very fond of the sea here, as of flags, and as, the town clerk of Sandwich told you yesterday, they cannot marry or be buried without a flag.

927. I think you are right. I see just below, opposite the name of this person, "Not served, now in the Downs; "wife to write, and tell him to stay away"?—I do not remember making that note. As it is in my handwriting, I have no doubt it was the fact at the time.

928. I may take it, of course, that you had reason to suppose that W. B. Mackie's evidence, if given, would not be favourable to your side?—Certainly.

929. Then what is that opposite Thomas Phillips' name "the wrong"—what?—Really I cannot read it myself.

930. I think most probably it is "the wrong Bushell"?—Yes, it is.

931. That must be a reference to what we have afterwards in the particulars that it is a different Bushell?—Yes, that may be so.

932. That of course is the same thing I was referring to just now. Then I see a little later, "George Hooper, Sandwich, this man is safe;" and opposite "William Lock," opposite which name are those words written?—I really cannot say. It seems to me to be opposite William Lock. I have no recollection of Lock.

933. It looks from that as if you had seen him yourself?—Not necessarily.

934. I think it only fair to say that that note, "This man is safe," must really mean that no charge can be made against him, for in your other note I see you say, "He had nothing to do with the election." Therefore it does not mean that he could be relied upon not to tell, but that he had nothing to do with the election. At any rate that is what was in your mind at the time?—Yes, no doubt.

935. That is all I need ask you about that paper. Now, among the papers there is that (*handing same to the witness*). I shall be glad if you will tell me what that paper is?—I believe it is an account rendered by the housekeeper to Mr. Crompton Roberts of the expenditure.

936. An account rendered by his housekeeper to Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.

937. You see it begins with the date of the 4th of May; that was the very day he came down?—Yes. I have no doubt it is an account rendered by his housekeeper to him of his expenditure.

938. It can hardly be that, I think. Such a thing, for example, as "Velocipede club" would hardly be paid by his housekeeper. In whose handwriting is it, do you think?—I think it is Mrs. Steadman's handwriting, the housekeeper.

939. There are some things here which might perfectly well have been paid by the housekeeper: "Coachman going to Deal, keep of six horses, stand for three carriages." Those are expenses that appear to be incurred here that might be paid for in that way. You think this is Mrs. Steadman's handwriting, do you?—I think so. I cannot make out how it came into my possession.

940. This is rather an extraordinary thing to find in Mrs. Steadman's handwriting: "Mr. C. R., 5*l.*; Mr. C. R., 20*l.*" Then there are some other figures and 60*l.*, and then carried out at 104*l.* Now, can you give any explanation of that?—I know Mrs. Steadman is a person in a highly responsible position, that she does the housekeeping, and that Mr. Crompton Roberts trusts her with large sums of money, and to save himself the trouble of having to draw a cheque on his bankers he would go to Mrs. Steadman and say, "Give me 50*l.*" I know that.

941. That may be it?—I have no hesitation in saying that that is Mrs. Steadman's account, and I cannot tell how I got it.

942. Then this entry seems to show that Mrs. Steadman gave Mr. Crompton Roberts 104*l.*, because there is "Mr. C. R., 5*l.*, Mr. C. R., 20*l.*," and 9*l.*, 10*l.* and 60*l.* carried out at 104*l.*; it would come to that?—I never looked at the items.

943. What conveys itself to your mind is that Mrs. Steadman gave those sums to Mr. Crompton Roberts?—That he, coming down here, had plenty to do; for, as he told me, when he came back from Deal, his hand and wrist were so swollen he was obliged to bathe it with water for a fortnight, and he had so much to do, what

with interviewing voters and shaking hands with them, their relatives and their children, that he was only too glad to adopt this course. This is only assumption, mind; when I say assumption, it is on a good basis. I believe he would be only too glad to put into Mrs. Steadman's hands the complete management and control of the house, of course including horses and carriages, and so on, and no doubt that accounts for these sums of money. There is no difficulty, if your honours wish it, in getting Mrs. Steadman here. Mrs. Steadman is in Belgrave Square now. If there is any difficulty about it, no doubt she could come down if you summon her, and give any explanation necessary.

944. It is a considerable sum, 514*l.* in a week?—Well, I daresay it would be that.

945. It is 514*l.* in these particular items. The whole paper goes to a considerably larger sum even than that?—Will you allow me to see the other items?

946. Certainly.—(After looking at the paper.) I have no doubt it is Mrs. Steadman's account.

947. 180*l.* of it is money that seems to have been paid in cash to Mr. Crompton Roberts himself?—Probably. That is the only explanation I can give of it.

948. There are a certain number of payments too of this nature, "Gave money to poor man," 5*s.*, 2*s.* 6*d.*, and so on. Do you know whether Mrs. Steadman had authority to give money down here to poor men?—I do not like of course to bind Mrs. Steadman. Of course I cannot give evidence for her; but I know this, that Mrs. Steadman is in such a position in my client's household that anything she did would be authorised by him.

949. There is another handwriting here. Can you tell me whose handwriting that is; "Cash 300*l.*, fetched by Mr. Simmonds"?—That is Mr. Crompton Robert's handwriting.

950. Then there is 150*l.* here, (pointing in the account.) Is that Mr. Crompton Robert's handwriting?—No, that is not Mr. Crompton Robert's handwriting.

951. The pencil is not?—No. I think the pencil is the same as the other; indeed, I have no doubt it is. That is Mr. Crompton Robert's handwriting, and so is that (pointing).

952. Then there is a little later, "C. R. paid 'Black Horse Hotel,'" four or five times, and "Cheque given

by Mr. O. R." Do you know in whose handwriting that is?—I do not know; I should think the same as that.

953. Do you know whether Mr. Crompton Roberts had any drawing account down here. I have looked at his pass-book in order to see whether these were cheques given by Mr. Crompton Roberts, and to see whether any cheque in his pass-book corresponded to these, and I cannot find any for these specific sums?—Yesterday, when I was asked whether Mr. Crompton Roberts had an account here, I misunderstood the question. I said I had no knowledge that he had, except what I heard in evidence on the trial of the petition. I made a mistake between Mr. Crompton Roberts and Mr. Hughes. I remember Mr. Hughes had an account at the bank here, but not Mr. Crompton Roberts. You understand the distinction I draw?

954. Perfectly. Would Mr. Crompton Robert's cheques be honoured on that account—do you know as a fact whether that was so?—I should think not.

955. If cheques were given by Mr. Crompton Roberts, those cheques ought, somewhere or other, to be found in the pass-book. For instance, I see there is one to Simmonds, your clerk, 72*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*?—A cheque from Mr. Crompton Roberts?

956. Yes?—I know Simmonds came up to receive 300*l.*, for, as I told you yesterday, I gave Mr. Crompton Roberts my clerk's services as a sort of secretary here, and he acted quite irrespective of me. I explained that yesterday.

957. Yes, quite so?—I know he did come up to get a cheque cashed for Mr. Crompton Roberts, and that no doubt was the 300*l.* he refers to there as having been fetched by Simmonds. Mr. Crompton Roberts' writing appears in that, saying it was fetched by Simmonds.

958. Where did Simmonds fetch it from?—From London. I suppose the London Joint Stock Bank. He banks at the London Joint Stock Bank, and has no other bankers. I know that.

959. There is a cheque for 300*l.* on May 10th, possibly that is the 300*l.*?—No doubt he wanted money for current expenses, and he sent up and got the cheque cashed.

960. There is no other Mr. Simmonds except your Mr. Simmonds connected with the election?—I think not, but I do not know. There is a Mr. Simmonds mentioned in the particulars.

RICHARD JOYNS EMMERSON re-called, and further examined.

961. (Mr. Hall.) We have a few more questions to ask you?—You asked me yesterday to produce the first letter I received from Sir Julian Goldsmid. I will hand in that letter, and also the reply which I made to that communication (handing in the same to the Commissioners).

962. Have you any further correspondence?—I received a second letter from Sir Julian Goldsmid which was on the occasion when Sir John Adye came down here. I telegraphed to him then that Sir John Adye was on his way. He then wrote me this letter by that night's post (handing the same to the Commissioners).

963. Was there any further correspondence?—No, none whatever. I also hand in two letters, or rather copies of two letters, which I wrote to Lewis and Lewis in reply to the letters I handed in yesterday (handing same to the Commissioners).

964. Now with regard to the seven houses which were engaged at 4*l.* each. Did you engage them?—Yes, they were engaged by Mr. Coleman with my knowledge.

965. With your knowledge and by your direction?—Yes, he told me the circumstances, and I said they must be engaged.

966. I see that in this letter, in which you acknowledge the receipt of Lewis and Lewis' cheque for 350*l.* on account of expenses, you say nothing about the 200 sovereigns you had received?—No, I do not.

967. How was it that in writing to them, acknowledging the receipt of that cheque, you said nothing about the receipt of that money?—He did not refer to it, and I did not answer it.

968. Having received 450*l.*, the amount that you sent in amounted only to 593*l.*, when he forwarded you a cheque for 350*l.*?—There were other claims which I mentioned to you yesterday which were claims alleged to be due, and sums that had been promised, amounting to something like 200*l.* or 300*l.* We had received no account whatever. It was supposed they were sums that were promised to voters to keep them.

969. How do you know it was 200*l.* or 300*l.*?—Simply

because Mr. Coleman told me so. In fact I did the best I could, and got the amount of it the best way I could, simply *viva voce*.

970. Did he say the persons to whom they were promised?—He did not. I presume some were expectations and some actual promises.

971. Did he give you a list of those persons?—No, but he will give you the list. He says he can furnish a list of those.

972. I understand you to say the reason that you mentioned nothing about this 200*l.* in gold was because of the 50*l.* you had paid to Coleman to distribute among different voters to secure their votes, and that there were other sums he told you he had promised to other parties but not paid?—Yes; that was really the case.

973. I see here you say, "The particulars of the 'Bell Hotel' accounts, 48*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*, were sent in upon the 4th of June. They were called personal expenses to prevent their passing through the agent for election expenses." They are called in the return "personal expenses"?—Yes, they are called personal expenses.

974. When you say they were called personal expenses to prevent their passing through the agent for election expenses, you knew that those expenses were what I may call illegitimate—illegal expenses?—I don't consider them illegitimate; they were not really illegitimate.

975. Why should you call them personal expenses, to prevent their passing through the agent for election expenses?—I simply wished to make the account as simple as possible.

976. That is not the reason you gave. You say, "I called them personal expenses to prevent their passing through the agent for election expenses." Why should you wish to prevent their passing through him if they were legitimate?—Well, they were rather large certainly.

977. Was not the real fact that you knew that these were not legitimate expenses, and that therefore they

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were expenses which it would be dangerous to pass through the election agent's hands?—I cannot admit that, for I do not think they were illegitimate at all. There was a great deal of expense incurred for the staff, and so on.

978. How can you explain the fact that you say you called them personal expenses to prevent their passing through the agent for election expenses? Why should you do that if they were legitimate expenses?—Well, I furnished him with the account. I wanted to show exactly what they were.

979. I am not saying what you furnished to Messrs. Lewis and Lewis, but why should you call them personal expenses to prevent their going through the agent for election expenses? I see you go on to say, "The greater part was incurred on the day of the election?—The largest part of this was for a dinner we had after the election, in fact, to the staff itself. No portion of these expenses were for meat and drink given to voters for the purpose of corrupting and influencing their votes. It was, in fact, expense incurred by the staff engaged that day, and friends of Sir Julian coming in from a distance, and so on, who went in and had refreshments.

980. Now with regard to the claims that have been made upon you, have we before us every claim that has been made upon you?—Yes.

981. In writing?—Yes.

982. Are there any other claims whatever that have been made upon you, other than those you mentioned which Coleman will give us the details of?—No, I mentioned them all yesterday to you.

983. Are you aware of any other corrupt practices or illegal payments whatsoever beyond those which you have told us?—No, I am not aware of any. I don't recollect any.

984. I am excepting, of course, those you told us. The 50*l.* you say you gave to Coleman to pay away to different voters, and the sums you intended to pay to Coleman in respect of the promises he had made to other persons?—Certainly.

985. Beyond that, you are not aware of any other corrupt practices or illegal expenses?—No.

986. Now there was a list of watchers which you were going to hand in to us?—A list of watchers is contained in the vouchers of the account handed in, and has been published; but yesterday you wished me to analyse them, to ascertain how many of those were voters and how many non-voters. You will find that information at the bottom (*handing in a paper to the Commissioners*).

987. I see there were 12 voters and 4 non-voters?—Yes.

988. I think they were paid a pound a-piece?—Yes.

989. That was for watching on the night before the election?—Yes.

990. In what sort of position are these 12 who are voters; what class of men are they; Ford, Quested, Grey, Gambrell, Easter, Revel, Stokes, Spicer, Cook, Bailey, White, and Booth?—Ford is a bricklayer.

991. Are they all of them labourers?—They are all householders, I believe; I think so.

992. Yes, householders, but are they men of what I may call the labouring class and artisans?—Yes; they are in tolerable positions.

993. Who were the persons they were set to watch?—They were our own friends; parties who had promised their votes to us, and we were afraid they would be approached and tampered with, and we wished to protect them.

994. What is the good of having a man outside another man's house watching all night? They would not be likely to go in the middle of the night?—Yes, they would; they were wandering about all night, and, of course, it was a man in a humble position in life who was likely, perhaps, to have a call in the middle of the night, or late at night, simply to get him away from his house, or, in fact, to tamper with him and bribe him.

995. Who were the 16 persons who were to be watched?—I cannot give you their names.

996. It was 16 persons who were to be watched, I suppose?—Sixteen watchers, one or two men together. They were walking about the town; not each man to have a separate duty, but they were together, one or two in one street, and some in another, and so on. They were to protect our own voters from being approached.

997. What use could two or three men be walking up and down this or that street all night?—A very great

deal. It would deter men from calling upon our voters for the purpose of tampering with them, and getting our men over to their side.

998. They could not prevent anybody from calling if they chose?—They could not prevent it, but they would not do it when they saw that they were watched. It was to have a deterrent effect.

999. Has this been a usual thing in Sandwich; have you known it before?—I have known it, and even known ourselves, the gentlemen of the committee, to go out and watch a particular street to take care and watch that the houses of some of the voters were not approached during the night. It has been a common thing, but not to this extent. I never recollect having 16 watchers before, but it was considered necessary on this occasion. I think it is a common thing.

1000. You gave the men a pound a-piece?—Yes; they were parties we knew to be firm friends, those 16 men whose names are mentioned there.

1001. Did you select those 16 men?—No, I had nothing to do with that.

1002. Who did select them?—They were selected by the committee, I think. Mr. Coleman was there at the time, and their names were given into me afterwards and adopted. They were men who had promised their votes, and could be thoroughly depended upon, who were selected for a certain duty, and that was for the protection of our friends.

1003. And for the receipt of one pound each?—They had one pound each.

1004. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you hear that any attempt had been made by the other side to get at any of your voters?—It was said so. I was told so. I know nothing of these things. Really, my services were devoted more especially to the committee room, and so on. If anything was brought to me afterwards, of course I heard it, and so on.

1005. Did you hear of any specific instance in which any attempt was made by anybody on the other side to get at any of your voters?—Yes, I think it must have been mentioned in the committee room. I am not in a position, as I tell you, to mention names or anything of that kind. It was simply a general statement.

1006. You cannot give us any names?—I cannot give you any names.

1007. (*Mr. Holl.*) You cannot give the name of any person intended to be watched?—No, possibly Mr. Coleman can do so.

1008. Or any person who gave you any information as to that being necessary?—That was admitted generally; when we met in committee, and so on, it was then agreed. I should think there were six or more there when it was resolved that these watchers should be appointed simply to take care and protect our own voters. There was no secrecy about it.

1009. You cannot give the name of any person from whom you received any information which led you to think it necessary?—It was stated in the committee room, but I cannot recollect by whom. I cannot recollect the name at all.

1010. You cannot name any person?—No.

1011. Have you the list showing who, among the canvassers, were voters or non-voters?—It was a list of the messengers. There were 26 messengers.

1012. (*Mr. Turner.*) At Sandwich?—Yes.

1013. (*Mr. Holl.*) You are not speaking of the boys?—No, those are not boys. Of the 26 messengers, you desired to know how many were voters, and how many were not. There were nine voters and 17 non-voters. That list is a copy of the one you have (*handing the same to the Commissioners*).

1014. I see this does not include the clerks?—No.

1015. They were voters?—They were voters.

1016. There were about six or eight clerks and personation agents who were voters?—I think there were.

1017. In addition to these messengers?—Yes.

1018. Were any instructions given at the time the watchers were appointed, as to appointing voters or non-voters?—No, not at all.

1019. Did you leave that entirely to Coleman?—It appears to have been more a matter of accident than anything how many there were of one or the other.

1020. You left that entirely to Coleman's direction?—Yes, entirely. He was to select those whom he was sure were most fit and proper.

1021. Among those 26 messengers nine are voters; are the others sons or relatives of voters?—Yes, in all probability, or connexions in some way.

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1022. All of them?—Yes, all of them, I should say.
1023. It strikes me, and I will get you to explain it to me, that Sandwich is a small place, comparatively, to require as many as 26 messengers?—There is always something constantly coming up.
1024. You have 500 voters altogether?—Yes.
1025. And 26 messengers. In round numbers, it is a messenger to every 19 or 20 voters. What do those people do?—Sometimes a messenger was sent to Ramsgate, sometimes to Deal, and sometimes to other places. There was always something every morning, communications between the parties, and there was always something to be done with the messengers.
1026. These appear to have been all, with one or two exceptions, on the same day?—I don't know that they were the same day.
1027. For one day they appear to have had 10s. 6d?—They might have been there any previous day; I am not able to say. At all events, the messengers appointed at the election had 10s. 6d.; that is all they got.
1028. Some had one or two guineas apiece. I suppose they were employed for more days?—Yes, I suppose they were in a different position altogether from the others. I do not think it was an unusual number on this occasion.
1029. What class of men were these messengers?—Will you mention a name?
1030. (Mr. Turner.) Speaking generally?—All highly respectable; tradesmen some.
1031. Of what rank in life?—Some were small tradesmen.
1032. (Mr. Holl.) Small tradesmen and artisans, or the relatives of persons of that class?—Yes. I have the two canvass books here. You were speaking yesterday about the organization, and so on. I told you then we kept two books, one for the candidate and the other for the committee. Those are the books we used on this occasion (*handing the same to the Commissioners*). There is nothing in them.
1033. Which is the candidate's book and which is yours?—I think the large one was used very much by Sir Julian Goldsmid, and afterwards it came into our hands, and we used it in the committee. I don't think it was left to him at all—at least, not alone.
1034. Where there are some marks against them in the first column, what does that mean?—Those were for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
1035. And those in the second?—For Mr. Crompton Roberts.
1036. And those in the third?—There are no marks against those; if there are, I don't know what they are.
1037. There is a mark in the third column there (*pointing*)?—That must be some mistake.
1038. (Mr. Jeune.) With regard to these persons whom you employed, was it ever suggested to them that they ought not to vote?—No, it was not on this occasion. It has been customary in former elections to have an understanding between either party to pair off so many instead of voting—that those who are employed and cannot vote under the provisions of the Act of Parliament should not do so, but that they should pair off with parties on the opposite side who were in a similar position. On this occasion the point was never suggested, and it does not appear to have occurred to any of us that we were infringing the provisions of any Act of Parliament in voting. I do not recollect any conversation or allusion to it at all, but I believe it was done and not thought of. We generally find that it operates about the same on either side; there is a certain number, and if you pair them off, it is a tolerably equal thing, and that is the best thing to do always, and what we have generally done on former occasions. On this occasion it was not done.
1039. There are one or two things I am not quite satisfied about yet—that is, with regard to this money you received, but which you never mentioned to Mr. Lewis. I think it is a matter you ought to explain, and give us certainly all the information you can about it. You received 200 sovereigns?—Yes.
1040. Of those 200 sovereigns, you gave 50 to Mr. Coleman?—Yes.
1041. And those 50 you knew, of course, he was going to employ for purposes not legitimate?—I did.
1042. Now those 200 sovereigns you never mentioned to Mr. George Lewis, though the occasion did occur on which perhaps it would have been desirable you should do so?—Yes.
1043. Now that leaves in one's mind a very strong

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impression that the other 150 sovereigns were to be employed in the same way as the 50 that you gave to Mr. Coleman, now, was not that so?—I think it was.

1044. When you got the 200 sovereigns in that way, did it not strike you it was the intention that that money should be employed in the way in which it was eventually employed?—Yes; there was nothing said at the time.

1045. Of course not, but was not that what you understood?—I did not understand anything; conversation was avoided. You must draw that inference which the circumstances will give you.

1046. What is your idea. I suppose you have no doubt at all that there was at least 150l. required to pay the things which Coleman promised should be paid?—I have not.

1047. Of course, I wish you really, in your own interest, to answer the questions. Having said nothing about the 200 sovereigns, persons might be inclined to draw the inference, I don't, that you kept the 150l. for yourself. I am sure you did not?—No.

1048. That being so, clearly you must have intended to apply it to some purpose or another. It was, of course, the case, was it not, that it was intended to apply it to the things which Colman promised should be paid?—It was. At that time I did not know what they would be.

1049. There is one question I should like you to answer from your experience. What do you think is the effect of the ballot? Do you think it has tended to diminish corruption in a place like this?—I think not; I think on the contrary.

1050. You think it tends to increase it?—I think so.

1051. I do not know whether you have thought over the subject at all, or whether it has struck you during the last election, in which way secrecy of voting tends to increase expense?—Simply that we knew before exactly whether a voter did carry out his promise and intention or not, but now we do not, and therefore the voters, some of them, receive from both parties. There is no doubt about that, but I do not think that that goes on to a great extent. I will not impute that to the constituency here. I do not think it goes on to a very great extent here, but it gives the opportunity of doing so; and therefore, I think, the ballot is bad. From my own experience, I much prefer the other mode of voting.

1052. Did it not strike you that, not knowing how a voter was going to vote, it became necessary, if I may so express it, to expend more money broadcast so as to influence as large a number as possible. Is that what occurred to your mind at the last election?—No, I don't exactly know that it did.

1053. So far as you know from your experience of Sandwich, the ballot has not had the effect of checking corruption?—I think not. I don't consider that we have been very corrupt at Sandwich—not on the whole. Years ago it was customary, before the Reform Bill, that every freeman when he went to the booth should receive a pound. That was the old system, and to a certain extent, of course, that has never been eradicated from their minds. Elections have become so pure now. I don't mean to say that it operates at present, but that was the old system. There used to be a dinner, which was given by the member after the result had been announced, and you either had your dinner or you had your pound, if you chose to demand it, in the hall, when you went to tender your vote. That was the old system.

1054. (Mr. Turner.) The whole class of voters, not only freemen?—There were none but freemen at that time. There was only one class and they were freemen. Then came the Reform Bill and introduced the householder—the 10l. qualification.

1055. (Mr. Holl.) Do you think that the freemen expect that now?—No, I do not know that they do, but there are some of them still extant. Here is a very curious old document (*handing same*), if you like to look at it; it is the poll which was taken in the year 1800; it is quite a curiosity.

1056. (Mr. Jeune.) You have mentioned pure elections. Was 1874 a pure election as far as you know?—Yes, the general election.

1057. You took part in that, did you not?—Yes, I did.

1058. (Mr. Holl.) Were the expenses of that election great?—No, the expenses have been filed.

1059. We have not had them at present, but we are to have them from Mr. Surridge. Were the expenses at Sandwich as large as at Deal, do you think?—Yes, I should think so, quite.

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1060. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A farmer.
1061. At Sandwich?—Yes.
1062. Besides being a farmer, you are in the habit of taking great interest in politics at Sandwich?—I have on this occasion.
1063. You were very soon in communication with Mr. Emmerson about managing the election in May 1880?—Quite so.
1064. We have heard from him that you had a sum of 40*l.* handed to you to engage public-houses?—Quite right.
1065. Is that true?—Yes.
1066. Just tell us how you applied that 40*l.*?—I can give you a list.
1067. A list of the houses?—Yes (*handing same*).
1068. I believe there were seven houses which you engaged at 4*l.* apiece, were there not?—Yes, that is the 40*l.* you asked me about.
1069. The seven houses are not here. Just tell us how you applied the 40*l.* which Mr. Emmerson paid to you?—I paid it on account. There was a running account there for refreshments that the voters had, and I paid on account for what was had at those houses.
1070. Refreshments furnished to voters?—Yes.
1071. Before the election?—Yes.
1072. How often did you make those payments?—Two or three are coupled together in one of those items it may be, but most of them are in one sum.
1073. Part of this 20*l.*, Mr. Emmerson has told us, you applied in payment of rosettes?—Part of the 40*l.*—Yes.
1074. Was it 20*l.*?—In rosettes—No; a smaller sum than that. I cannot recollect.
1075. I see here one sum for rosettes 3*l.* 5*s.*; Guest, ditto, 1*l.* 19*s.*; Baker, ditto, 10*s.*; Rose, ditto, 19*s.* 6*d.*; Ditto, 1*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*; are those all the rosettes?—That is all I paid for.
1076. That is all you paid for rosettes?—All I had anything to do with.
1077. Where did you get those rosettes from—from the people mentioned here?—From the people mentioned here.
1078. Are they voters?—Not all.
1079. How many of them?—If you will mention the names I will tell you.
1080. Is Waller a voter?—I believe not. I think he has a house hired by a leather-cutter, his employer; he is simply a shopman. I am not positive as to that.
1081. Is Guest a voter?—Yes.
1082. Is Baker a voter?—She is a single lady.
1083. Is T. E. Rose a voter?—Yes.
1084. Now besides this 40*l.* you had a sum of 50*l.* from Mr. Emmerson?—Quite right.
1085. How did you expend that?—In securing the electors on the day of election.
1086. "Securing the electors" is a general expression. What do you mean by that?—I applied it to those who would not vote unless they had something immediately before and after voting.
1087. Some money?—Yes.
1088. Have you a list of those electors?—Yes (*handing same*).
1089. Thomas Port, 4*l.*; that is out of the 50*l.*?—That is out of the 50*l.*
1090. Where does he live?—Somewhere near here; Monegham, I believe. He was a householder at Sandwich and he is still on the list; he was a non-resident here; he was away at the time.
1091. R. H. Bright, 4*l.*?—He lives at Sandwich.
1092. Thomas Wanstall, 5*l.*?—The same.
1093. Sandwich?—Yes.
1094. John Castle, 4*l.*?—The same.
1095. We should like to know the streets if you can tell us. Where does Bright live?—Fisher Street.
1096. Wanstall?—The same.
1097. Castle?—Vicarage Lane.
1098. Robert Ferrier, 1*l.*?—St. Peter Street.
1099. J. A. Spicer, 2*l.*?—Church Street, St. Mary.
1100. Then there is a sum of 14*l.*, which appears to have been distributed between William Pidduck, Robert Baily, Zachariah Burton, J. Drayson, and R. Smith?—Yes
1101. And there is a note you have put to it, "Journey to island to fetch Baily, canvassing, and polling as 'under.'" Just explain that?—Mr. Pidduck; you see his name coupled with those—employed or had employed all those men. Baily had left him, and had a situation somewhere in the island. I could not get his address and I employed Pidduck to fetch him. He put his horse in the van and went to fetch him early in the morning with the other names to vote. I employed Pidduck.
1102. And Pidduck employed these four men?—Those men had been or were in Pidduck's employ. Baily was not then in Pidduck's employ, but he knew his address and he went to fetch the men.
1103. What became of Burton, Drayson, and Smith?—They were in the town somewhere.
1104. You gave them the 14*l.*?—I gave Pidduck the 14*l.*
1105. To distribute amongst them?—Yes.
1106. When this 4*l.* and these different sums were paid to these men, what was said to them about their vote?—Some of them came to me and said they would vote provided I would give them that amount.
1107. Vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes, provided I gave them that amount.
1108. And you gave it to them?—I gave it to them.
1109. As to the addresses of Pidduck, Baily, Burton, Drayson, and Smith, are they all Sandwich men?—Baily is not a Sandwich man.
1110. Where is he?—I cannot say, but I could find out.
1111. Is Pidduck a Sandwich man?—Yes.
1112. Where does he live?—Cattle Market on the register; you will find him at Moat Sole now.
1113. Burton, where does he live?—Millwall Place; that would find him. I think he has moved from there.
1114. Drayson?—Moat Sole again.
1115. Smith?—King Street.
1116. Then we come to Chaney Harrison, 1*l.*?—He is employed in a brewery at Sandwich.
1117. Where does he live?—I think, Church Street, St. Mary, but I am not positive as to that.
1118. Then J. Easter, 1*l.*?—I do not know him, but I expect he lives at St. Peter Street.
1119. Then we come to William Deverson, 4*l.*?—Eastry, near Sandwich.
1120. Why did you make such a difference in the amount you gave to these men?—Simply the value they put on the vote. One man put it at 1*l.* and others at 4*l.*, and some may be part payment; they may expect something. I cannot say as to that, that is what I gave them.
1121. Because they asked it?—Yes.
1122. Thomas Mannings, 1*l.* 10*s.* Where does he live?—Millwall Place.
1123. Edward Smithers, 1*l.*?—Church Street, St. Clements.
1124. Daniel Port, 15*s.*?—High Street.
1125. What is he?—He is a farm labourer.
1126. The first Port is 4*l.*?—He is a son of the other one.
1127. Who is Daniel Port?—Daniel is the father.
1128. The son got 4*l.*, and the father 15*s.*?—Yes.
1129. Harry Walker, 1*l.*; where does he live?—Fisher Street.
1130. William Burton, 1*l.*?—New Street.
1131. Richard Gambrell, 2*l.*?—Paradise Lane.
1132. And W. G. Deverson, 2*l.*?—I think he lived with his parents.
1133. The whole is 51*l.* 5*s.*, and I understood you to say that every one of these men demanded these sums before they would vote for Sir Julian?—Quite so.
1134. Besides these two sums of 40*l.* and 50*l.*, what else had you to do with the election?—Nothing. I canvassed for Sir Julian with him.
1135. How many canvassers did you employ?—I really cannot say. The landlords of the public-houses were to exert themselves in canvassing the customers.
1136. We have seven public-houses at 4*l.* a piece. Besides that did you employ any canvassers?—No.
1137. What other moneys did you receive besides the 40*l.* and 50*l.*?—Nothing.
1138. You employed no canvassers besides the seven public-houses?—That is all.

1139. And you expected that the landlords were to canvass their customers?—Unless any one entered, such as Pidduck, or any one like that; of course they were asked to do the same, but we had no canvassers.

1140. The understanding was that the landlords of the public-houses were to canvass the customers on behalf of Sir Julian?—Yes.

1141. And they were to receive 4*l.* a piece?—Yes, and for the use of the committee room.

1142. "Committee room" is a nominal term, I suppose?—Yes.

1143. You say you employed these canvassers; what else did you do on the election?—I do not know that I did anything.

1144. I want to know, because you know better than I do?—I canvassed for Sir Julian. I think that is all.

1145. Had you anything to do with flags or rosettes?—No, nothing; only what is mentioned in that list.

1146. What were the prices here for the rosettes?—I think they vary.

1147. They vary?—Yes. You will see the prices down. I think, perhaps, I can show you the vouchers.

1148. Were the prices usual, or were they raised very much for the occasion?—Oh no; 6*s.* 6*d.* a dozen is about the average for them.

1149. You do not know whether that is the average price?—No, I do not. I had never much to do with them.

1150. That was the election price?—Yes, that was the election price, 6*s.* 6*d.* I think in some cases they were 5*s.* a dozen.

1151. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who first spoke to you about acting in the election; who did you first have any conversation with about your taking any active part in the election?—I really cannot say. I think I made enquiries of Mr. Emmerson as to what was going to be done. We had no committee. That is how it commenced.

1152. What did he tell you; did he say what you were to do?—Not exactly. I fell in with Sir Julian at the station. I think that was the starting of it. I received him as one of the leading Liberals; one thing grew into another, and that is how it went on. I really cannot give you a better explanation.

1153. Just give us the substance of your first conversation with Mr. Emmerson. You must have made some arrangement that you should act for the party?—I cannot say; the time was short, and I lent my services.

1154. What were you doing at the time of the election?—Employed on my business.

1155. You lent your services?—I lent my services to the Liberals.

1156. What arrangement was made between you and Mr. Emmerson about your acting; you must have come to some arrangement between yourselves as to what you were to do?—I entered as canvasser. I suppose I knew the inhabitants of Sandwich about as well as any one, and that is how I fell into the affairs. I really cannot say that there was any proper arrangement made.

1157. You began it by canvassing?—Yes, for Sir Julian.

1158. You went round with him?—I went round with him every time.

1159. Had you anything to do with any previous election?—Very little. I cannot say that I did not have anything to do, but I had very little to do with other elections.

1160. Did you appear at all upon the 1874 election?—I do not remember that I did except just amongst our own men. I just canvassed them, that is all.

1161. From whom did you first receive any money?—Mr. Emmerson.

1162. When was that?—A day or two previous to the polling, I believe.

1163. Previously to that you must have had some conversation with Mr. Emmerson which led to his giving you money; just tell us the whole of what took place between yourselves; what was the origin of your interfering and taking an active part in this election?—I saw that the Conservatives were very busy, and I thought it would be necessary to have money to meet the case.

1164. Tell us the conversation you had with Mr. Emmerson when it was first arranged between you and him what you should act in any way in this election?—I cannot remember.

1165. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you go to him, or he come to you?—I went to him.

1166. (*Mr. Holl.*) Tell us what took place as near as you can remember, the substance of it?—I do not remember, only he asked me if I would canvass as time was short, and he did not know who to get, and I said, "Yes, I will go with pleasure."

1167. At that time was any money given you?—No, not until I applied for it.

1168. Was anything said at that time about paying anybody?—Nothing.

1169. At that time you say no money had passed?—Nothing.

1170. Was any instruction given to you by Mr. Emmerson beyond the fact of directing you to canvass?—I had no instructions.

1171. Were there any other instructions whatever?—I do not remember any.

1172. In the first instance you received no instructions but that you were to canvass?—That is all.

1173. How long was that before the time you applied to him for money. How long were you canvassing?—Not very long. It only lasted a few days.

1174. Tell us, as near as you can, what date did you first see Mr. Emmerson, and it was arranged with him that you should canvass?—I first saw Mr. Emmerson, I should think, when we heard that Sir Julian Goldsmid was coming down. I called and ascertained that he would come down. That was the first of it.

1175. Can you tell us what day of the week that was?—I cannot remember.

1176. Was that on Monday the 10th?—I cannot remember at all.

1177. Was that before Sir Julian Goldsmid came down?—I saw Mr. Emmerson in the morning or afternoon, or it might be the day before he came down.

1178. Then you say he asked you to canvass?—Yes. I met Mr. Emmerson, I believe, on the platform. There was nothing much done before then. He simply left me to canvass with Sir Julian, and I met him by appointment every time he came to Sandwich afterwards; nothing more than that.

1179. You canvassed with him?—Yes.

1180. When did you first apply to Mr. Emmerson for any money?—I should think two or three days, it might have been Thursday, previous to the polling day.

1181. How many days was that after you first met Mr. Emmerson?—Only a day or two.

1182. You applied to him for money?—Yes. I told him it was necessary that we should have money.

1183. Tell us what you said to him?—I said, "They are very busy in Sandwich, the electors seem very dissatisfied as there is money flying about and they can have what they want, and if we do not mind what we are about we shall lose our position. To secure friends something must be done."

1184. When you say "something must be done," what do you mean by that, that money must be spent?—Yes.

1185. That money must be paid to the voters?—Yes. It was a case of refreshments only at that time.

1186. At first, you say, it was only refreshments?—Yes.

1187. Was that when he gave you the 40*l.*?—Yes.

1188. How did he give it to you, in gold?—Yes, I think it was in gold, two 20*l.*

1189. You engaged the seven public-houses did you not?—Yes.

1190. At 4*l.* a-piece?—Yes.

1191. Had you done that before you applied to him for money?—I had done it in this way, they were Liberals, they stated to me that they were tormented by the Conservatives to give them their support, and I asked them to wait as we might have a candidate, and we would see what could be done with them. That was the ground I went upon.

1192. Had you arranged with them before you applied to Mr. Emmerson for money?—I had made no arrangements, simply wait and we will see what can be done.

1193. When did you arrange with them what took place between you. You say they told you that they were pestered by the Conservatives to give them their support?—Yes.

1194. What did they say to you?—There was no arrangement made. I simply told them they were to allow a little refreshment and I would pay for it.

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1195. You say you asked them to wait, wait for what?—That was a day or two before we knew Sir Julian Goldamid was coming down, the Conservatives were taking all the public-houses. I asked them to wait a day or two simply to know my position.

1196. To wait for what?—Not to go over to the Conservatives. I told them we might do something for them.

1197. You asked them not to go over to the Conservatives for a day or two?—Yes.

1198. Because you thought what?—Because I thought we might have a candidate, and as soon as I found we had got one I told them to go on, and I applied for that money to pay the expenses.

1199. I am speaking now about the seven public-houses that you engaged. Are you speaking about them?—Yes.

1200. When you found that you had got a candidate did you go to them again?—Yes, directly.

1201. What did you say to them?—I told them that they could allow a little refreshment to friends, and that they would be paid for it.

1202. What arrangement did you make about taking the houses at 4*l.* a-piece. What was said about that?—Simply this, they said they could have that amount from the Conservatives, and so that they should not be the losers by being with us, that amount was to pay them.

1203. They said they could have that amount from the Conservatives, and you agreed, in order to keep them on your side, to give them 4*l.* a-piece for a room in the house?—Yes.

1204. What were they to do for that?—To use their influence.

1205. They were to use their influence with the persons who frequented the house?—Yes.

1206. Did they agree to do that?—They did.

1207. And afterwards you paid them the 4*l.* a house?—Yes, afterwards.

1208. You say, on this occasion, when you applied to Mr. Emmerson you got 40*l.* from him?—Yes.

1209. That was to pay partly for the refreshments which you told these people they might supply to your friends?—Just so.

1210. It was given to you for that purpose?—Yes.

1211. Was anything said about whether the whole of it was to be devoted to that purpose, or was it left to your discretion?—It was left to my discretion. There was nothing more said.

1212. Nothing more was said at that time except that you were to keep the expenses down?—No.

1213. To keep the public-house bills down for supplying refreshments to your friends. Did you go round to these public-houses each day and pay the accounts?—I might not have gone each day, I went several times.

1214. I see the "King's Arms" is 5*l.*?—Yes.

1215. Had you any account from them?—They gave me a receipt.

1216. Had you any account from them of what had been supplied?—No particulars.

1217. You paid the 5*l.* upon their telling you that they had supplied that amount?—Yes, upon their faith.

1218. Did you pay that sum all at one time?—All at one time.

1219. You did not go round from day to day then?—Some houses I did.

1220. You had no vouchers from them?—I believe I have.

1221. You have a receipt I know, but no bill with particulars?—No.

1222. You took their statement that they had supplied 5*l.* worth?—They produced their slate in some instances, reckoned it up at so much, and I gave them the money.

1223. You had no bill from the "King's Arms"?—No.

1224. The next is the "Green Posts," 10*l.* Had you any particulars of that?—None.

1225. Was that paid in one sum or several?—I paid it twice. I asked him for a receipt for the 10*l.* I believe I paid him twice.

1226. Are you sure, was it not one sum?—10*l.* in one sum. I paid him twice. He gave me a receipt for 10*l.* Up to that date that is what I paid him.

1227. Are you sure it was one sum. You would not pay the first 5*l.* without taking a receipt?—It was half a sovereign or something like that.

1228. Half a sovereign the first time, and 9*l.* 10*s.* the second?—Yes.

1229. Without any particulars?—He simply produced his book, his slate, with a few names.

1230. You say first a book, then a slate. Did he produce a slate or a book, or did he produce nothing. Just think, was anything produced to you at all?—I remember at the "Bricklayer's Arms" he had a slate.

1231. The "Green Posts"?—A book he took from his drawer.

1232. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

1233. Was that amount exactly 10*l.*?—I cannot say. I asked him for a receipt for 10*l.*

1234. The first is the "King's Arms" which is exactly 5*l.*, and the next is the "Green Posts," 10*l.* Do you mean that there were entries of goods supplied to different persons to the exact amount of 10*l.*?—It might not have been the exact amount. He gave me a receipt for 10*l.*, and the other account would run. I paid no odd money at the "King's Arms." I paid 5*l.*, but to the best of my recollection there was 17*s.* 6*d.* due at the time.

1235. Was there more due at the "Green Posts" than at the "King's Arms"?—There might have been some odd shillings due at the time, being large sums. If they were small ones I cleared them up. Being large amounts I paid the pounds and left the odd shillings. That is the system.

1236. Were they to go on supplying then?—Yes.

1237. They were?—I endeavoured to check it as much as I could.

1238. Did you endeavour to check it by paying?—Yes.

1239. Did you check it?—I told them not to make it too heavy.

1240. And that is all you did?—Yes.

1241. Then there is the "George and Dragon," the "Mermaid," the "Three Colts," the "Forrester's Arms," the "Bricklayer's Arms," the "Cinque Ports," and the "Salutation," to each of which you went and paid the bills?—Yes.

1242. You authorised refreshments to be supplied at other public-houses besides those which you engaged?—All the houses which I paid money to are in that list.

1243. (*Mr. Turner.*) Does that include the seven?—Yes.

1244. (*Mr. Holl.*) There are nine houses which you paid for refreshments?—Yes.

1245. So that you paid for refreshments to other houses besides the seven which you engaged at 4*l.* each?—Yes.

1246. Have you had from these public-houses any further claims?—Yes.

1247. Where are they, do you know?—I have not got them now. I had bills. They gave them to me.

1248. What have you done with them?—I believe Mr. Emmerson has them.

(*To Mr. Emmerson.*) Are they the 89*l.*?

(*Mr. Emmerson.*) Those are the 89*l.*, the particulars of which I handed in yesterday.

1249. (*Mr. Holl.*) (*To the Witness.*) All the further claims you handed over to Mr. Emmerson?—Yes.

1250. Here is an item of 3*l.* for railway and other expenses to Mr. Feare, what was that for?—He lived beyond Sevenoaks. I have not his address with me. It was simply to satisfy him for his expenses.

1251. He lived beyond Sevenoaks?—He was a mason, and it was for loss of time.

1252. You gave him 3*l.*?—Yes.

1253. When was it arranged that you would give him 3*l.* if he came to vote?—I made no arrangement until I met him on the polling day, or the day before.

1254. Had you not communicated with him before?—Yes, through his wife. His wife wrote to him.

1255. What did you tell her?—I told her that his expenses would be paid providing he came.

1256. What else?—Nothing more passed between his wife and myself.

1257. You told her that his expenses would be paid if he came?—Yes.

1258. And afterwards you met him there and agreed to give him 3*l.*?—He claimed 3*l.* I was obliged to give it to him.

1259. It is a good deal more than his expenses, is it not. His fare there and back would not be more than 5*s.*?—He was a mason, and there was loss of time.

1260. You paid him the rest for loss of time?—Yes.
1261. For coming over to vote?—Yes.
1262. Had you told his wife you would do that?—No, I said nothing about that.
1263. You told her you would pay his expenses. Did you say you would pay him his expenses, and for his loss of time?—No, that I would pay his expenses, simply those words.
1264. You paid him the 3*l*. before he voted?—No, not until after he had been.
1265. I thought you told us you met him at the polling booth?—No, I said I met him after that day, after I met him he claimed his 3*l*.
1266. On the day before when you met him, did you not tell him what you would give him. He asked what he was to have then surely?—He might have done, but I really cannot remember now.
1267. Did you tell him what you would give him?—If he had asked me I should have done. I cannot say whether I remember.
1268. You cannot say whether you remember promising that you would give him 3*l*. or not?—No.
1269. You did not pay him until after he voted?—I did not pay him until after he voted.
1270. Then there is H. Clark?—I paid him after he voted.
1271. When did you arrange with him that you would pay him his expenses? Where did he come from?—He came from Sevenoaks.
1272. How did you communicate with him?—I think one of the committee wrote to him. He came and found me after he had polled. I did not see Clark until he came to me after he polled.
1273. You say one of the committee wrote to him to come?—Yes. I did not write.
1274. Did you communicate with him at all, directly or indirectly?—No.
1275. After he came to you, having polled, you gave him 3*l*.?—Yes.
1276. Did he say that he had been promised 3*l*. if he came over to vote?—No.
1277. Did he ask you for the 3*l*.?—He asked me. He said he supposed it was worth 3*l*. (they were his words to the best of my recollection), and I gave it to him.
1278. Who did the rosettes go to, I see altogether there are between 8*l*. and 9*l*. for rosettes?—Where were they sent to?
1279. Yes, what was done with them?—Distributed amongst the electors at a committee room.
1280. Coleman and Harris watching, 1*l*. 10*s*. Is that yourself?—No.
1281. When did you make this list out?—That is a copy of a list I made out when the accounts were made up.
1282. Did you keep any memorandum of the money that you paid at different places?—Simply on a few slips of paper I might have had with me.
1283. You say this is a copy of what?—That is a copy of a list I made up at the time the expenses were asked for.
1284. When was that?—I cannot say now. I met Mr. Emmerson, and he told me he wanted the accounts in that same afternoon. I run it through then, and that is a copy of it.
1285. Was that after the petition?—I cannot say whether it was before or after, now, about that time.
1286. Are the claims for 89*l*. odd for the same public-houses that are mentioned in this list?—The same.
1287. That is the balance that you left for things which were supplied after you paid those sums?—Yes.
1288. Were the bills for this 89*l*. sent in to you?—I collected them.
1289. At the time they were collected did you in any way check the particulars?—No, but I was surprised to think that they came to so much.
1290. Did you in any way check or see any particulars of what had been supplied, or were they lump sums?—Some stated that they simply took stock before and after the election, others produced a slate and showed the amounts, and some simply stated a lump sum.
1291. (*Mr. Turner.*) Then when you made your payments by instalments you left a large balance generally?—Not then. I left the odd money then.
1292. (*Mr. Holl.*) That is how you disposed of this 40*l*. Is that the sum which you received from Mr. Emmerson on the first occasion?—Yes.
1293. Did you afterwards receive any more money from him?—Yes.
1294. How much?—50*l*.
1295. When was that?—I believe it was the day previous to the election.
1296. Have you received any more money from him?—None at all.
1297. Of that you are certain?—Yes, I will swear that.
1298. Directly or indirectly?—None whatever.
1299. Have you received any more money besides that from any one?—I have received no more money from any one.
1300. Was that 51*l*. in sovereigns?—Yes.
1301. And you distributed it as mentioned in this list?—Yes.
1302. Now, Thomas Port, what is he?—A farm labourer, or something like that. He is employed on a farm.
1303. At the time that you gave him this 4*l*., what arrangement did you make with him?—He came in after he had polled, and I could not get rid of him without I gave it to him.
1304. You did not pay him this after he polled; just think?—Yes, I did, immediately after.
1305. But what arrangement had you made before?—I made no arrangement with him, with the exception that I saw his father, and asked him to go and get him, and said that I would satisfy him, or make it right with him, or something to that effect.
1306. You got his father to go and get him to vote, and you told his father you would make it right with him?—Yes.
1307. Had you seen Port at all yourself before he voted?—I do not think so.
1308. Then after he had voted you gave him this 4*l*.?—Yes, he came and found me, told me he had voted for us, and claimed 4*l*. He said the others were getting it, and he meant having it.
1309. When he said the others were getting it, do you know who he alluded to?—The other side; the Conservatives.
1310. You gave him 4*l*.?—Yes, I gave 4*l*.
1311. Can you tell us where he lived?—I believe he worked on a farm at Monegham at the time. He was a householder in Deal, until he left to go to Monegham.
1312. Is he a freeman of Deal?—No.
1313. What is he?—He was a householder. He is one of the out voters.

(Adjourned for a short time.)

1314. Now, with regard to R. H. Bright—what is he?—I think he works along the river; a jobbing man; does anything.

1315. He is a jobbing man, who works along the river?—Yes.

1316. Where does he live?—Fisher Street.

1317. Sandwich?—Sandwich.

1318. What arrangement did you make with him?—I met him on the polling day.

1319. Tell us shortly what took place between you?—He said he would vote for the Liberals, but he must have 4*l*.; he would vote for the Liberals if I gave him something. He came to me after the voting, and I gave him 4*l*.

1320. He said he would vote for the Liberals if you gave him 4*l*.?—I do not know that the sum was stated; but he said, "If you do something for me, I will go and vote for the Liberals."

1321. And you told him you would?—I told him I would.

1322. And for the vote you gave him 4*l*.?—Yes. He said the others had it, and he meant having it.

1323. You told me just now that Port told you the other side were getting paid?—Yes.

1324. Do you know anybody who was distributing money on the other side?—No; only rumour.

1325. Who did you hear was distributing it?—It might have been Lock or Hughes. Hughes, I think, was one of the nrmes. I am not positive as to that. I did not ask him the name.

1326. Did you hear of anybody who was distributing money on the other side?—Only that there was money being distributed. No one came to me and said, "Somebody has promised me so much."

1327. Did you hear who it was being done by?—No.

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1328. You said Lock or Hughes?—I heard those two names mentioned.

1329. As distributing money?—Yes; but it was only rumour.

1330. What Lock was that?—He is a retired gentleman, I believe; he has retired from business.

1331. Do you know his Christian name?—I do not know his Christian name.

1332. Did you hear of any persons on the other side who had received money?—No, only hearsay.

1333. Did you hear the names of any one?—No, nothing positive; nothing definite.

1334. Who were you told had received money on the other side?—Only those who voted that way, I suppose.

1335. Did you have any specific names mentioned to you; any particular names?—No; I do not remember any.

1336. Thomas Wanstall; what is he?—A steamboat man; I think he is employed on board.

1337. Has he a house at Sandwich?—Yes, in Fisher Street, I think.

1338. Is he a freeman or a householder?—A householder.

1339. What arrangement did you make with him?—I saw his wife, he was not at home; she communicated with him somehow; he was at Salt-Pans, where the steamboats generally lay.

1340. What arrangement did you make with his wife?—None; only she sent for him, and he came to see me, but I forget whether it was before or after the polling.

1341. What arrangement did you make with her?—There was nothing said, only, "If you want him he is down there, and he will come if you send for him." He made the arrangement.

1342. With you?—Yes.

1343. What was the arrangement?—He said he must have 5*l*.

1344. He said he must have 5*l*. if he voted for you?—Yes.

1345. Was that before he voted?—I cannot be certain about that; it was either just before or after; it was on the day.

1346. On the day of the polling?—Yes.

1347. Do you remember whether you made any arrangement with him or his wife, that you would give him something if he came before he polled?—Not with his wife, and I did not see him; I could not find him, and I had not seen him before.

1348. Was the arrangement made before or after the polling; you do not know?—I will not be certain as to that.

1349. Now, John Castle; what is he?—I think a pilot.

1350. When did you arrange with him?—The morning.

1451. The morning of the polling day;—Yes.

1352. Tell us what took place?—He told me if I gave him 4*l*. he would vote our way.

1353. When did you pay him?—The next day, I think.

1354. After he voted?—Yes.

1355. Robert Ferrier, what is he?—A farm labourer.

1356. When did you arrange with him?—The morning.

1327. What did you tell him?—He asked me what I would give him. I gave him a sovereign; nothing more than that.

1328. (*Mr. Turner.*) That was before he voted?—I think it was, because I gave him instructions how to vote.

1359. (*Mr. Holl.*) You told him you would give him a sovereign if he voted for you?—Yes.

1360. You gave him instructions how to vote, and you gave him a sovereign?—He had promised; he came and wanted something before he went, and I gave it to him.

1361. What did he say?—I do not know. He might have said, "What are you going to give me?" I really cannot remember now.

1362. John Young, what is he?—He is a farm labourer.

1363. Where does he live?—St. Peter Street.

1364. When did you arrange with him?—I made no arrangement. He is always our way, and I paid him next day I believe. It was not on that day.

1365. You saw him before the polling day?—Yes.

1366. What arrangement did you make with him then? None then, only that he would do as he did before, come our way.

1367. Did you tell him you would give him anything?—Not then.

1368. Did he ask for anything?—No.

1369. He said he would do as he did before?—He would come our way; he always voted our way before.

1370. You gave him a sovereign?—Yes.

1371. But that was afterwards?—Afterwards.

1372. George Sacree, what is he?—He is a farm labourer; a market gardening labourer.

1373. Where does he live?—Friars, Sandwich.

1374. When did you arrange with him?—It might have been the day before, or that day, I cannot remember.

1375. You agreed to give him 1*l*. if he voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

1376. That was on the day of the election, or the day before?—Yes.

1377. When did you pay him?—A day or two afterwards; about the next day, I expect. It might have been that day. I really cannot recollect.

1378. J. Spicer, what is he?—A sailor.

1379. Where does he live?—Church Street, St. Mary, I believe.

1380. Sandwich?—Yes.

1381. I see you gave him 2*l*. When did you arrange with him?—I think that was the morning.

1382. The morning of the polling day?—Yes.

1383. What arrangement did you make?—None. The same as others. He said he must have something as the others were all getting something on the other side.

1384. What did you say?—I told him I would see what I could do. I think I gave him the money the next day.

1385. He voted, and you paid him the next day?—I suppose so.

1386. Why did you give him 2*l*.?—You gave Ferrier and Young and Sacree 1*l*. each, why did you give him 2*l*.? Had not he arranged that you should give him 2*l*.?—No. Some place more value upon their votes than others. It is really a thing I cannot possibly explain.

1387. Had not you made some promise as to the amount you would give him?—To Spicer?

1388. Yes?—I do not recollect any. He has generally been our way, and he expects something.

1389. (*Mr. Turner.*) But you give some men in the same position as he 1*l*., and you give him 2*l*.?—They asked for it, and I gave it to them to satisfy them.

1390. (*Mr. Holl.*) William Pidduck, 14*l*. Who did you pay the 14*l*. to?—To William Pidduck.

1391. What arrangement did you make with him? When did you arrange with him?—On the polling day.

1392. The morning of the polling day?—Yes.

1393. What arrangement did you make with him?—I must have arranged before that, because he drove over very early in the morning. He fetched Bailly. I did not know where Bailly was.

1394. Did you arrange what you would give him?—No, he stated the sum on the polling day. I had arranged with him to fetch Bailly, and as many others as he could, the day before.

1395. Did you tell him you would pay him for doing it?—I did.

1396. But you did not tell him how much?—No.

1397. You are sure of that?—Quite sure.

1398. Nothing was said about the amount?—No; he named the amount on the polling day.

1399. Then on the polling day you say, early in the morning he drove over. When did you first see him?—The day before.

1400. I mean on the polling day?—I saw him go off in his van that morning early. I did not speak to him. I was seeing about my own men, and saw him go away.

1401. When did you arrange to give him the 14*l*.?—When he asked me for it.

1402. When was that?—The polling day.

1403. When he brought Bailly over?—Then he said, "Here are so many men who will go our way, and they want so much."

1404. That was before they polled?—Before they polled.

1405. He told you they wanted so much?—Yes.

1406. How much did he say?—I think it was 3*l.* a man, and 2*l.* for himself for expenses.

1407. They wanted 3*l.* a man, and he wanted 2*l.* for himself for expenses?—Yes. He is a voter.

1408. You gave him the 14*l.*?—I did.

1409. To give to them a portion of it, and to keep the rest himself?—Yes.

1410. Did you speak to either of the others, Baily, Burton, Drayson, or Smith?—I might have canvassed them, but I had no particular promise from any of them.

1411. Where were they brought over from?—There was only one brought.

1412. Baily was brought, and the other three men lived in Sandwich?—Yes.

1413. Pidduck brought them up to poll?—Yes.

1414. Had you promised either of those four anything?—No.

1415. I mean did all that occur take place between you and Pidduck?—Yes.

1416. There is Chaney Harrison 1*l.*, what is he?—He works in the brewery.

1417. When did you arrange with him?—I think it was after I paid him that. After the election, I think, I paid him that 1*l.*

1418. When did you first speak to him about coming to vote?—I do not think I made any arrangement with him. I only canvassed him. He came and said he wanted something, and I paid him the next day 1*l.*

1419. You got this 50*l.* the day before the polling day?—Yes.

1420. Did not you arrange with him that you would give him something if he would come and vote for you?—I do not remember making any arrangement with him.

1421. What had you said to him about it?—He may have asked me, the same as a good many more did, to do the best I could for him.

1422. Did he say, "Will you give me something?"—I do not remember seeing him particularly until after he polled. I must have seen him, because I canvassed him, but I do not remember seeing him until after he had polled, when I gave him something.

1423. Then J. Easter; what is he?—The same as him; he told me he meant voting our side.

1424. But what is he?—A bricklayer.

1425. Where does he live?—I think St. Peter Street.

1426. What arrangement did you make with him?—No more arrangement than that I gave him a sovereign.

1427. Had not you promised him anything, or had you not spoken to him before the polling day?—No, I canvassed him.

1428. When you canvassed him, what did you say about giving him anything if he came up to vote?—I cannot remember each individual case; he, no doubt, asked me to do something for him.

1429. Did you tell him that you would do something for him if he came and voted for your candidate?—No doubt about it.

1430. Is that the same with all of them?—Yes.

1431. Then William Deverson, 4*l.*; what is he?—A painter.

1432. Where does he live?—At Eastry, near Sandwich.

1433. When did you arrange with him?—The day previous, I think.

1434. What arrangement did you make?—That I would give him that amount.

1435. That you would give him 4*l.* if he would come and vote for you?—He would not come without, he said he could not walk in, and he should have that.

1436. And you agreed to give him that?—Yes.

1437. How far is where he lives from Sandwich?—About three miles or thereabouts.

1438. You agreed to give him 4*l.* if he would come in and vote?—Yes.

1439. You paid him?—I paid him.

1440. Thomas Mannings; what is he?—I suppose you call him a carriage painter or builder, or wheelwright, or something of that sort.

1441. Where does he live—Millwall Place.

1442. When did you arrange with him?—I think I made no arrangement with him; he came and asked me for a sovereign, and I gave it to him. *B. L. Coleman.*

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1443. (*Mr. Turner.*) After he voted?—No.

1444. Before he voted?—Before he voted, and he had half a sovereign afterwards. I paid him twice the money.

1445. (*Mr. Holl.*) When did you pay him the first, before he voted?—Yes.

1446. How much was that?—I cannot recollect now; it might have been a sovereign.

1447. You gave him one sovereign and a half sovereign, but whether you paid him a sovereign or half a sovereign before he voted you do not know?—No.

1448. The balance you paid him afterwards?—Yes; there was no bargain with him, he asked me for that amount, and I gave it to him on each occasion.

1449. You paid him one sovereign or half a sovereign before he voted?—Yes, one or the other, I do not know which.

1450. In order to get his vote?—He came to me and said, "I am going your way, I am going to have a drop, and I want half a sovereign or a sovereign," as the case might have been, and I gave it to him, and on the polling day he had the remainder.

1451. Daniel Port 15*s.*; he is the father of the other Port?—Yes.

1452. When did you agree to give him 15*s.*?—I made no agreement with him; I gave him 5*s.* to go over and see his son; he bothered me, and I gave him half a sovereign afterwards.

1453. You gave him 15*s.* to go over and see his son to get his son to vote?—Yes.

1454. Did you say you would give him anything if he agreed to vote for you?—Port?

1455. I mean Daniel Port, the father?—Yes.

1456. You made no distinct promise, but you told him you would give him something?—Yes.

1457. And you gave him half a sovereign afterwards?—Yes.

1458. Harry Walker; when did you arrange with him?—I gave him that after the election.

1459. Did you arrange anything before hand; when you canvassed him, what did you say?—There was nothing said then; he came afterwards and said he must go the other way if we did not do something for him.

1460. He could not go the other way after he had voted?—I canvassed him, and he came before polling and said that we must do something for him, and I said I would. On that occasion I gave him nothing, but afterwards I gave him a sovereign.

1461. He said he must go the other way unless you paid him something, and you said you would?—Yes.

1462. Afterwards you paid him a sovereign?—Yes.

1463. William Burton; what is he?—A jobbing gardener.

1464. When did you arrange with him?—Before the election some time.

1465. Did you agree to give him 1*l.* if he would vote for you?—I made no promise of any particular sum. I said I would give him something if he would leave it to me.

1466. You said you would give him a sovereign if he voted for your side?—Yes.

1467. And after the election you gave him a sovereign?—Yes.

1468. Richard Gambrell; what is he?—A farm labourer.

1469. When did you arrange with him?—About the same time.

1470. Before the following day?—Yes.

1471. What did you tell him?—The same thing. I told him just the same.

1472. If he would vote for you, you would give him something?—Yes.

1473. You gave him 2*l.*, I see?—Yes. He was ill immediately afterwards, and he asked me if I could do something for him, and I gave him the 2*l.* It was after the election I gave him that.

1474. You promised to give him something before?—I promised to do something for him, but nothing particular.

1475. Then William J. Deverson, what is he?—A carpenter.

1476. Where does he live?—At Sandwich; he was working this way at that time.

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1477. When did you arrange with him?—The day of the election.

1478. What did you say to him; that you would give him 1*l.* if he voted for you?—He said that would satisfy him; he named the sum, and I gave it to him.

1479. That was before he voted?—No, afterwards.

1480. What did you say to him before he voted?—He asked me to do something for him, and I said I would.

1481. Then after the election you gave him 2*l.*?—Yes.

1482. I think you told me you received no other money besides that 40*l.* and 50*l.*?—That is all the money I received.

1483. To what other persons, besides those that you have mentioned in this list, did you agree to give any money?—There are numbers of them.

1484. Have you got a list of them?—No.

1485. I will trouble you to give me the names of each of them. How much did you promise to give altogether in that way beyond those two sums which you paid to the public-houses, and the 5*l.* you paid to these people you have mentioned to me; beyond those sums, to what amount did you make promises?—I cannot tell you exactly just now.

1486. As near as you can tell?—A considerable sum, but I cannot tell you exactly.

1487. You cannot tell me to what extent you made promises about?—I cannot tell you.

1488. 150*l.* or 200*l.*?—Quite 150*l.*; more than that I should think.

1489. That was for promises that you made to other people to vote for you?—Yes.

1490. I suppose you stopped paying because you had not got any more cash?—Yes.

1491. Give me, as near as you can remember, the names and addresses of the different people to whom you made those promises?—If I had the list, I could pick them out.

1492. (*Mr. Turner.*) The list of what, the voters?—The register.

1493. (*Mr. Holl.*) Take the register (*handing same*), first go through the freemen, then go through the householders, tell us the names and addresses of all the people to whom you promised money for their votes, and how much you promised, as far as you can remember?—Richard Corney; I made him no promise, but he expects something.

1494. What is his address?—Bowling Street, Sandwich.

1495. You made him no distinct promise, but you told him that you would give him something?—I imagine he expects something, from knowing the man.

1496. (*Mr. Turner.*) But did you agree to give him anything?—I do not remember making any agreement with him. He was one I intended to have something.

1497. (*Mr. Holl.*) Apart from any agreement, I do not mean an agreement to pay a specific sum of 1*l.* or 2*l.*, did you intimate to him that you would give him something?—I do not remember canvassing him, but he was along with a lot more who voted our way, and they naturally suppose that they will not be forgotten.

1498. Why should they naturally suppose that?—Simply because it was a thing they all did just at that time—all that class, or nearly all.

1499. What class is he?—He is a labourer in a foundry.

1500. And they all expected to be paid?—Yes.

1501. Tell us the next?—There is another Deverson in the Chain.

1502. What is his name?—I do not know. There are so many William Johns and John Williams that I cannot tell the one from the other.

1503. There is another Deverson living in the Chain, the father of the other one?—The father of both.

1504. The father of both who are mentioned in this list?—Yes.

1505. Did you promise to give him anything?—No, I told his son that I would think of him.

1506. Did you see him yourself?—I do not think I saw the father. I tried to see him, but I remember I could not find him. I did not see him.

1507. Who is the next?—William Cato Kelly.

1508. (*Mr. Turner.*) Is he a freeman?—Yes, he is a freeman.

1509. (*Mr. Holl.*) He is a tanner?—Yes.

1510. What did you promise him?—I did not name any sum. I promised him I would not forget him.

1511. You told him you would do something for him if he voted for you?—Yes.

1512. Did he say he would vote for you on that promise?—Yes, he did.

1513. He accepted the offer?—There was no offer.

1514. He accepted your suggestion, that you would do something for him, and he said, "Very well, I will vote for you"?—Yes. The next is James Frederick Stokes.

1515. Where does he live?—I believe Ramagate now, or somewhere near. He is a butcher, at Sandwich, in the register here.

1516. What arrangement did you make with him?—3*l.* I think, to the best of my recollection.

1517. You promised to give him 3*l.*?—Yes.

1518. Did he then agree to vote for you?—Yes.

1519. Do you know whether he did vote?—He polled. I come to the St. Clement's Parish now.

1520. You are now come to the householders?—Yes. Thomas Bailey, Sandown Road.

1521. What did you give him?—2*l.*

1522. Did he say he would agree to vote for your side?—Yes; he would have voted without. He said he was disappointed upon the former election, that he had come from a distance, and made a long tale of it, so we patched matters up in that way.

1523. Who is the next?—William Burton; he expects another sovereign. George Dennard, Fisher Street.

1524. What did you promise him?—1*l.*

1525. Did he agree to vote for you?—Yes. William Lawrence, Fisher Street.

1526. What did you give him?—There was nothing named; I said we would do something for him.

1527. Upon your telling him that you would do something for him, did he agree to vote for the Liberals?—Yes. Abraham Mancer.

1528. What did you agree to give him?—1*l.*

1529. Did he say he would vote for you?—Yes.

1530. Was that after you had promised him the sovereign?—Yes. William Overy, Sandown Road; I gave the same promise to him; nothing definite; but I promised I would do something for him afterwards.

1531. Did he agree to vote for your side?—Yes, for our side. William Small, Fisher Street.

1532. What did you agree to give him?—1*l.*

1533. Did he, upon that promise, agree to vote for you?—Yes. Edward Smithers, Church Street.

1534. How much did you agree to give him?—2*l.*

1535. And did he agree to vote for you?—Yes. Charles Turner, Church Street.

1536. What did you agree to give him?—3*l.*

1537. Did he agree to vote for you if you gave him that sum?—Yes. Now we come to St. Mary's Parish. John Ansell, Delf Street.

1538. How much did you agree to give him?—There was no sum fixed.

1539. Did you tell him you would do something for him?—Yes.

1540. And then did he agree to vote for you?—Yes, he did. Daniel Birch.

1541. What did you agree to give him?—There was no sum fixed.

1542. Did you promise to do something for him?—Yes.

1543. And he agreed to vote?—Yes. George Burley, Paradise Lane.

1544. How much was he to have?—The same terms; nothing was mentioned about the price.

1545. You promised to do something for him the same as the others?—Yes. Daniel Bushell, Bowling Street.

1546. Was he to have any specific amount?—1*l.*

1547. Did he agree to vote upon your side upon your promising that?—Yes. Grove Price Cock, Church Street.

1548. What was the arrangement with him?—No arrangement above promising that something should be done. Thomas Hurst, Paradise Lane.

1549. What arrangement was made with him?—Nothing beyond promising that something should be done. William Kemp, Butchery.

1550. What arrangement was made with him?—No arrangement beyond promising that something should be done. William Lawrence, Butchery.

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1551. Was the same arrangement made with him?—Yes, only a promise. Thomas Lawrence, Moat Sole, the same with him. John Ledner, Church Street, the same arrangement with him, no sum was named. Henry Revel, Strand Street, no arrangement, only a promise that something should be done. There is another Revel, I think John, Strand Street. I met him at the Foundry, but made no arrangement beyond that something should be done. William Rogers, Moat Sole; there are two Rogers at Moat Sole.

1552. Give me the Christian name of each of them?—They are both William Rogers; nothing was stated with either of them beyond that they should have something afterwards.

1553. The same arrangement was made with both?—Yes. One is since dead.

1554. Who is the next?—William Spain, Butts; Thomas Tilman, Church Street; George Town, Church Street; and there is another Town, I think John Town, Church Street also; no sum was named, only a promise. Then we come to St. Peter's Parish, Sandwich; Robert Box, Cattle Market, only a promise; Thomas Booth, Butchery.

1555. Was the same arrangement made with him?—Yes. James Bragg, King Street.

1556. Was there the same arrangement with him?—Yes. Henry Chapman, Junior, Delf Street.

1557. The same arrangement with him?—Yes.

1558. Were none of these specific arrangements?—None. Alfred East, 3 King's Yard and Short Street, the same arrangement, only a promise; James Gisby, St. Peter's Street, and Edward Gibbens, I missed him, St. Peter's Street; and there was the same arrangement with him; Henry Harris, Moat Sole, the same arrangement; Philip Holden, Moat Sole; William Holliday, New Street.

1559. Was the same arrangement made with them?—Yes, the same arrangement. Henry Hurst, Junior, Cattle Market.

1560. (Mr. Turner.) We have had him before I think?—No; I think it was Hurst of Paradise Lane I gave you before; and I have missed Henry Hurst, the father, Moat Sole. Henry John Kingsford, Moat Sole; James Langtree, Cattle Market; Frederick Lee and Joseph Lee, Strand Street and Delf Street; Edward Olliver, Friars; James Shelvery, Cattle Market.

1561. Was the same arrangement made with each of these?—Yes.

1562. If there be any specific arrangement you will mention it?—Yes, I will do so. Henry Wells, New Street and Castle Street. That is all.

1563. Are those all the persons that you can remember now?—Yes, those are all I can remember; I may have missed one or two.

1564. Are those the parties you alluded to, to whom you made promises amounting to 150*l*.?—Yes; there may be more.

1565. You have mentioned 49, besides those that you actually paid?—There must be more than that. I think I have missed some; you cannot fix upon every person, running through like this.

1566. These are all you can remember?—Yes.

1567. Did you pay, or promise to pay, any other person than those you have mentioned, unless it be some few you have missed in going through the register?—No, none.

1568. Were there any other payments at all that you made, excepting those mentioned in these two lists?—No other payments. There may be a shilling or two that escaped my notice.

1569. Nothing that you can remember?—No.

1570. There were no other promises to any persons or classes of persons, other than those mentioned, unless you have accidentally missed a few in going through the list?—No.

1571. And no other moneys came into your hands, except what you have mentioned?—No, none whatever.

1572. Do you know of any other corrupt or improper promise or promises beyond what you have told us of?—No.

1573. None whatever?—No, none whatever.

1574. We have heard of 16 watchers; were they nominated or chosen by you?—Yes, I think they were.

1575. We understand that those persons were paid 1*l*. a-piece to watch some of the voters the night before the election; who were the persons that they were to watch over?—Our list being made up upon the supposition that they were safe, I thought we ought to keep our own ground, and to prevent the other side tampering with our men, and, providing anyone was tampered with, I wished to know who it was; I wished to know if any of them were visited during the night by any of the other side.

1576. Had you any specific reason for supposing that any of your men would be visited by the other side in the night?—Only that I know it is a thing that is done at times.

1577. It would not be much more easy to visit them in the night than in the day?—The night before an election is very valuable at times.

1578. You do not know of any specific persons that you put these people to watch over; it was a general watching?—Yes, simply to protect our own.

1579. Was it your suggestion, or whose suggestion was it?—I think it was mooted amongst us, and I adopted it. I thought it necessary.

1580. Of the 16 people appointed watchers, what class of people were they; it seems a good deal to pay, and just look at the list and tell me generally what class of persons they are?—Abraham Foord is a bricklayer, William Quedest is a postman, Bowes Grey a baker's assistant, Richard Gambrill a bricklayer, John Easter bricklayer, Henry Revel farm-labourer, John Stokes baker's journeyman, William Spicer brewer's foreman, G. Cook is a tanner, George Bailey a publican, Charles White assistant grocer, and Thomas Booth jobbing gardener, Solomon Wood a farm-labourer, Henry Mantle my foreman, Allen, I do not know what he is, but about the same position as the others, a labourer of some description, and Benjamin Pidduck jobbing gardener.

1581. One cannot help seeing that 1*l*. to each of these men for watching that night is pretty nearly as much as most of them would get in a week?—They found no fault with the money.

1582. It is a good deal more than they would usually gain in a day?—Yes.

1583. And as much as they would earn in a week?—Some of them would earn 30*s*.; it would be robbing them of their night's rest.

1584. (Mr. Jeune.) 12 out of the 16 were voters?—Yes.

1585. (Mr. Holl.) You appointed them?—Yes.

1586. Did the fact of their being voters at all enter into your estimate of their value?—I think they had already promised in the canvass book.

1587. Perhaps you thought it as well to watch over them; was not that so?—No, they were all safe men, or I would not have trusted them with the job.

1588. Do you know anything about corrupt practices or illegal acts upon the other side that you can tell us of?—No, only what was patent to every one, the public-houses affair.

1589. They had a great many public-houses?—Yes.

1590. More than usual a good deal?—Yes, all they could secure.

1591. How many had they?—18, I think, but I will not be certain to one, but I am sure that is within one house.

1592. (Mr. Turner.) That is for Sandwich?—Yes.

1593. (Mr. Holl.) Was there anything else you heard of?—Only that a voter came and said they gave money upon the other side, but they were very careful and would have no names mentioned.

1594. Neither the names of those from whom the money came, or those that received it?—No.

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1595. (Mr. Holl.) I think you are a carriage and cab proprietor at Deal?—Yes.

1596. And you took an active part in the election, I think, in May last?—I did.

1597. Upon the Conservative side?—On behalf of Mr. Roberts.

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1598. Who did you first see in connection with Mr. Roberts?—Mr. Roberts came down himself.

1599. You were one of those who were present at the meeting when he came down upon the 4th of May?—I was not present at the meeting; I saw him, but I did not wait to attend the meeting.

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1600. Prior to his coming down had you taken any steps at all in connection with the approaching election?—As soon as I knew he was coming I went and engaged several public-houses for our committee rooms.

1601. Was that before he came down?—The same night as he came down.

1602. What time did he arrive here?—By the 6 o'clock train.

1603. Had you engaged any houses before he came, or did you commence to do it immediately after his arrival?—I commenced immediately he arrived.

1604. Did you have any communication with him in respect of it before you did it?—I did it entirely upon my own account.

1605. Did you arrive at the conclusion that it would be desirable to do it solely yourself or in concert with any other persons; of course I do not mean Mr. Roberts. Did you talk it over with any other leading Conservatives in the place?—No, I took the whole responsibility myself. I engaged them as a preliminary. I merely questioned them whether I could have them if wanted.

1606. You did not actually engage them that night?—No.

1607. Before you went round to them did you discuss the propriety or advisability of doing it with any of the leading Conservatives here?—No, not with any one.

1608. Upon that occasion you went round and entered into preliminaries with them?—Yes.

1609. Upon that night what number did you enter into preliminaries with?—That night I should think about 20.

1610. You did not, as I understand, that evening come to any arrangement with any of them?—I merely asked them, could I have a committee room at the house, and what was the lowest price I could get it for during the election. I told them my object was to have a room if we wanted it, and the windows, and also the outside of the house for posting our bills. I got several who stated they would take 5*l.*; five or six were agreeable to take 5*l.*, and I took that figure and offered the rest the same price.

1611. You did not enter into any bargaining with all of them, but only with some of them?—Only with some that night.

1612. With how many do you think you bargained?—I should think I engaged about 20 that night.

1613. Do you mean with each of those 20 you entered into a discussion as to what they would take?—No, with some of them. I did not go into any discussion, but merely asked them whether we could have a room if it was wanted.

1614. And with some you entered into a discussion as to what they would take?—Yes, what was the lowest I could get them for.

1615. You did not enter into any actual arrangement with any of them?—No, not that evening.

1616. The next day what did you do?—The next day I saw Mr. Hughes and we had some conversation about the bill posters. The bill poster wanted something like 50*l.* for bill sticking. Mr. Hughes informed me that the bill posting would come to a large sum, and I had better get as many houses as I could at that price, as he considered it very cheap. If I could get them at 5*l.* each I was to get as many as I could, and that they were all to be paid one price.

1617. He thought the bill posting would be more expense than taking the houses?—Yes; the houses were taken for posting our bills in the windows as well as for the purpose of the committee room.

1618. You say that Mr. Hughes authorised or suggested that you should take as many as you could?—Yes, and I went the next day and paid.

1619. You told Mr. Hughes the price that some of them asked?—Yes; some wanted 10*l.* and some wanted 20*l.*, but I took what I could at the 5*l.* with no alteration whatever.

1620. When did you actually engage the houses?—Upon the following day.

1621. Upon the following day you engaged how many?—I really cannot say, but the receipts are all returned. I engaged some the following day and some the next day after.

1622. Some upon the 5th and some upon the 6th?—Yes, upon the 5th and 6th I paid for those that I engaged, and I paid for the others as I engaged them.

1623. Can you say how many you actually engaged

upon the 5th?—I should think about 60 on the three days.

1624. How many did you engage upon the 5th?—I could not say, it is so long ago.

1625. Was it 30, 40, or 50?—I should think about 20 or 30 a day. The second day I paid as I went, and that occupied more time.

1626. You think 30 upon the 5th and 30 upon the 6th?—I should say the average would be about 20 a day.

1627. Did you engage them in Walmer?—Yes, Deal and Walmer.

1628. There were 71 in Deal and Walmer?—That would bring it to about 30 the second day perhaps, and 20 the third.

1629. Was it 30 upon the 5th, 30 upon the 6th, and 10 the next day?—No, only about 20 the first day.

1630. Including those you had spoken to upon the 4th, how many did you actually engage and pay for upon the 5th, should you think?—I should say from 30 to 40.

1631. The 20 you had spoken to the night before, and 20 more?—Yes.

1632. The others you would engage upon the following day, the 6th?—Yes.

1633. They were all engaged upon either the 4th, 5th, or 6th?—Yes, upon those three days with one or two exceptions; there were some that sent in to know why their house had been missed.

1634. They were all engaged either upon the day Mr. Roberts came down or upon the two following days?—Yes, quite so.

1635. You say there were some who sent in afterwards to know why their houses had not been taken?—Yes, several; and I referred them to Mr. Hughes, and he said we had got quite sufficient already.

1636. But you did take some of those who sent in in that way?—Yes, we took some of them.

1637. I think the receipts you gave for them were all in the same form?—Yes, all in the same form.

1638. That receipt, I may take it, was drawn up by Mr. Hughes's clerk?—No, it was drawn up by Mr. Spoforth's clerk. Simmons drew them up and I paid the money.

1639. Is that one of them [*handing a document to the witness*]?—Yes, this is one of them. I think this is for the last one engaged.

1640. They were all in that form?—Yes.

1641. All written out by Simmons for you to take to the different parties to sign?—No, many of them were written as we went to the different houses.

1642. Simmons went round with you?—Yes, he went round with me. He wrote the receipt, and I paid the money.

1643. Here is another [*handing a document to the witness*]; that is in the same form?—Yes.

1644. In whose handwriting is that?—In Simmons' handwriting. I do not think the other is in Simmons' handwriting.

1645. You made no distinction in the amount you paid for the rooms, whether it was a beer-house or a large house?—No, none whatever.

1646. Can you give me the names of any of the houses where you say you bargained?—Do you mean the night previous?

1647. Yes, or afterwards?—The "Deal Castle" was one that came in afterwards to know why they had been left out.

1648. I want to know whether you can tell me at which house you say you entered into any bargain; that is to say, at which of the houses you had any discussion as to the amount which they would accept. Did you not at the majority of the houses go round and offer them 5*l.* for the house without any question at all?—Yes, I asked them whether they would accept that.

1649. You asked them whether they would accept 5*l.*?—Yes.

1650. For a room?—Yes, for a committee room when required, and for posting bills during the election, however long it may last, and that we should also be able to post our bills upon the outside of the house.

1651. You did not make any bargain, did you, with all of them that you should be allowed to post bills outside the houses?—Yes, at most of them. I asked the question, if I wanted to stick a bill or two outside I suppose I could do it, and they said, yes, certainly.

1652. With the majority of them you asked them if

they would take 5*l.* for the use of the room, and the right to stick up your bills?—Yes, if they would accept it.

1653. Who do you say are the people who asked 20*l.* and 10*l.*?—The “Lord Warden,” at Walmer. She wanted 20*l.* She said she had been in the habit of having 20 guineas for a room, and a guinea a day for the use of it afterwards; in fact, she said, at Swindon, where they came from, her bill came to 200*l.*

1654. The “Lord Warden” is a larger hotel than most of them?—No, it is not a very large hotel, and very little trade to it.

1655. Did any others ask for 10*l.* or 20*l.*?—The “Queen’s Hotel” told me 5*l.* was not sufficient.

1656. Is that the “Queen’s Hotel” in Deal?—Yes. I did not engage it; they said it was not sufficient.

1657. Is there any other that you can remember who asked for more than you offered?—The “Cinque Ports” Arms at Walmer refused to take the 5*l.*

1658. Did you take that house?—No.

1659. You did take a room at the “Lord Warden”—Yes, because they came down to the 5*l.* afterwards.

1660. Was there any other case like that?—At the “Queen Adelaide.” They refused it, and accepted it afterwards.

1661. Is there any other case of the same kind?—No, I do not remember any more.

1662. At how many of these houses are you prepared to say that you ever actually had any meetings?—It happened to be fine weather during the election, and we had a great many out-door meetings, otherwise we must have gone to the rooms.

1663. At how many of these houses will you actually say you had any meetings?—I really cannot say, but I think it was 14.

1664. You think there were meetings at 14 of the houses?—Yes. At many of them the voters in the neighbourhood, seeing that it was a committee room, went there and chatted amongst themselves. Many of the houses are very small, with small rooms not sufficient to hold very many.

1665. You say, for meetings of the party 14 of these houses were used?—Yes, I think that was the number given, but some were used a great deal, some were used continually every day.

1666. Some of the 14?—Yes.

1667. It is only some of the 14 that were used continually?—Every day a man or a boy went round and changed the bills. He would take down the bills and replace them, and there were pens, ink, and paper placed in the rooms all ready in case any of the committee should drop in.

1668. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How many meetings were there during the election altogether. How many meetings did Mr. Crompton Roberts have?—I really could not say; three or four of a night. Sometimes there would be a meeting at Deal, another at Walmer, and another at Sandwich, and another at Upper Deal as well.

1669. (*Mr. Holl.*) The real truth is that in the case of the great majority of these houses the rooms were much too small to have a meeting in?—Yes, and being fine weather we had open-air meetings. We had open-air meetings at Upper Deal, and so we did at Walmer.

1670. At these houses do you say you placarded bills upon the outside?—At many of them. The “Roxburgh Castle” was placarded with bills.

1671. Which of the houses will you undertake to say were placarded outside?—I should think nearly all of them had a bill or a couple of them on the outside. Some of the bills had a large blue cross with *o-u-t* written under, crossing Mr. Roberts out with blue paint.

1672. How many do you say of the houses you engaged were actually placarded outside with Conservative bills?—I really cannot say, but I should think nearly all of them; even the large hotels were plastered with bills.

1673. I am not speaking of bills in the windows, but outside?—Yes; even the large hotels had bills plastered outside.

1674. You think that the great majority of them had one or two bills upon the outside as well as inside?—Yes. We had the liberty to do so if we felt inclined.

1675. I wanted to know to what extent you had availed yourselves of that privilege, and whether it was really more than a small number that were actually placarded with bills outside?—Being all exhibited in

the windows the rain would not wash them off, and they would not get torn. It was better than posting the bills upon the outside of the houses.

1676. That may be; although you had the bills in the windows at most of these houses, is it not the fact that only at a few of them bills were placarded upon the outside of the house?—I really could not say to what extent bills were placarded upon the outside, but I should think at nearly all of them.

1677. You and Mr. Simmons between you managed, as I understand, the whole of the engaging and paying for the houses?—Yes, I paid for them, and Mr. Simmons wrote the receipts.

1678. Altogether you received what for houses?—I really cannot recollect now. The receipts are all returned.

1679. I want to know how much money you received?—I could not say.

1680. Did you not make any memorandum of the amounts that you received from time to time?—I did have some lists, but when the election was over I destroyed them all. I really had very little to do with it, because Mr. Hughes had the whole control. All bills, and so on, were returned to him with the receipts.

1681. I am not speaking of receipts or bills; this was money that you distributed. Did you receive the money that you paid the houses with in cash?—Simmons first gave it to me. The receipts will tell you what money I had.

1682. How much money did you receive for the payment of the public-houses?—I really could not say.

1683. What money did you receive altogether?—I received it from Simmons and I paid it out of the bag until it was all gone. We had a certain portion every day given to us, and receipts were returned to show the amount of money expended.

1684. Did you take the money in gold?—Yes.

1685. You took a bag of gold round with you?—Yes.

1686. And paid out of that bag?—Yes.

1687. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Was the money given to you to pay these houses?—It was given to me to pay through Simmons.

1688. That is to say it was given to you by Simmons?—Yes, I was to go with Simmons and see that they were paid, and returned the receipts for the money.

1689. When was that; after the polling?—No, the following day.

1690. After the polling?—No, they were paid for at once when we engaged them.

1691. Every morning you had so much money put at your disposal by Simmons?—Yes.

1692. How much each day?—I really do not know, I did not count it.

1693. (*Mr. Holl.*) Upon the first day you got two sums of 150*l.* and 120*l.*, making 270*l.*?—That would be about it.

1694. And upon the same day you got one sum of 100*l.* and another sum of 20*l.*, making altogether 390*l.*?—No doubt that is correct.

1695. 71 houses at 5*l.* each would be 355*l.*?—Yes, and the balance would be returned with the receipts at the end of each day.

1696. (*Mr. Jeune.*) The total was 355*l.* for the houses?—That would be about it. I had to return a sum of money to Mr. Hughes, the agent. The money came from Mr. Hughes.

1697. (*Mr. Holl.*) There are 68 5*l.* receipts, which gives 340*l.*, and then there is the “Royal” Hotel, 20*l.*; have you kept no account of the money that you received or paid away for the houses?—I returned the balance, whatever it was, every night to the agent with the receipts.

1698. That was to Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

1699. Or did you return it to Simmons?—Simmons and me together returned to Mr. Hughes the balance that was not expended.

1700. Do I understand that some portion of this 390*l.* which you received upon account of committee rooms was returned?—Yes.

1701. Can you tell me what amount was returned?—I really cannot from memory, it is so long ago.

1702. You kept no account, as I understand you, beyond returning the receipts, and what amount of money you returned to Mr. Hughes you cannot tell?—No, I really cannot from memory.

1703. Did you out of the money you received on

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account of the houses have or retain any money beyond which you returned receipts for?—None.

1704. Did you expend any of that money upon anything else except the houses?—Nothing.

1705. I am keeping this separate from some money that you afterwards received in respect of canvassers; whatever money that was left over and above what you paid for the houses and returned receipts for, I understand you to say you returned to Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

1706. You did not expend any portion of that money for any other purpose than the houses?—No, nothing.

1707. Can you remember whether you returned any amount?—I know there was an amount returned.

1708. Do you remember what it was, 5*l.* or 10*l.*, or whether it might have been as much as 30*l.* or 40*l.*, that you returned upon the two days?—For the two days it would be principally expended I think, but at the finish there was something, 20*l.* or 30*l.*, handed back; that is as near as I can think of it. I am not positive as to the amount, but I know there was a sum handed back.

1709. A sum was handed back to Mr. Hughes out of what you received on account of committee rooms?—Yes.

1710. You received money also on account of the canvassers?—Yes.

1711. I see you received one sum of 36*l.*, another of 90*l.*, then 30*l.*, and again 90*l.*?—Yes.

1712. I suppose you kept an account of the money you received on account of the canvassers?—No, I did not; I merely took it and paid them and returned the receipts.

1713. Have you returned receipts for all you paid to the canvassers?—Yes, all of them.

1714. They would be amongst the vouchers?—Yes.

1715. To whom did you return the vouchers for the canvassers?—To Mr. Hughes.

1716. You have got a list, of course, of the canvassers you employed?—No, after the election I had a few papers and lists, but I destroyed them all, thinking they would be of no use.

1717. How many canvassers did you employ?—I think 41.

1718. Did you pay them all?—Yes.

1719. I see there are payments to a number of other persons under the head of canvassers, did not Axon pay some of the canvassers, because I find sums of 9*l.*, 18*l.*, and 9*l.*, making together 36*l.*, paid to Axon for canvassers?—He would be in another district. I do not think I paid Axon.

1720. I am not asking you that, I am asking you whether you paid all the canvassers for Deal and Walmer, or whether many of them were paid by others?—Some would be paid by others, and some by me.

1721. Did you engage the canvassers?—No, Mr. Hughes generally.

1722. Who nominated them?—They were principally nominated by Mr. Hughes, but some by me.

1723. Just look at that lot of vouchers (*handing a bundle of papers*), and tell me whether you find there any of the vouchers that you spoke of in respect to the canvassers that you employed?—This first gentleman has nothing to do with me.

1724. That I concluded, but run your eye over each paper and see whether you find there the vouchers that you speak of in regard to the canvassers, the first gentleman has obviously nothing to do with you, because it is for boards and board boys; look at the others and see whether you find there the vouchers you have been speaking of?—The top man on the first sheet, Barnes, is a canvasser, but none of the others.

1725. I am asking you to look through the papers and tell me whether you find there the vouchers you have been speaking of in regard to the canvassers?—No, I paid none of these.

1726. You say you employed 41 canvassers?—Yes.

1727. How many days were they each of them employed?—They started from the 4th up till the time of the election being over.

1728. They could not have started upon the 4th because Mr. Roberts never came down till 6 o'clock on the 4th?—They were set on directly, some of them were set at work the following day, the 5th.

1729. You had 41 canvassers altogether?—Yes.

1730. They were not all employed, I suppose, the whole time?—Yes, nearly; some of them gave the whole of their time. Some of them are pilots, and they gave

up their turn at sea and stayed at home. The election came on upon the 18th, and they were employed from the 5th till the 18th.

1731. How many canvassers will you undertake to say were employed so many days?—I should say some were employed from 12 to 13 days, and some 10 days.

1732. Do you mean to say there were 41 employed for 10 days?—Yes, very nearly, and some more.

1733. Beginning upon the 5th, and taking out the Sundays, because there would be two Sundays, you cannot get more than 10 days?—I should think it would be about 10 days.

1734. That would be as regards some of them, because you do not represent that the 41 were employed for ten days each of them?—They were employed nearly the whole of the time.

1735. How many were employed upon the 5th, for instance?—I really cannot say from memory, but they were all selected in about a day or so, and set to work.

1736. How much did you pay them a day?—They were not paid by the day.

1737. How were they paid?—They were paid 6*l.* each.

1738. Do you mean that you paid 41 men 6*l.* each?—Yes.

1739. Of course you can give the names of those men?—I really cannot from memory.

1740. I must trouble you to refresh your memory; you would not pay 6*l.* to 41 men without knowing who they were?—You have the vouchers.

1741. No, we have no vouchers?—The names have been returned.

1742. I must ask you to give us the names?—I could not do it from memory.

1743. Have you got the receipts for the amount that you paid?—I returned them to Mr. Hughes.

1744. When was that?—Directly they were paid.

1745. You mean the receipts for all these 41 men?—Yes.

1746. Were they stamped receipts?—Yes.

1747. Separate receipts for each person?—Yes.

1748. Forty-one receipts?—Yes, and they were put in at the time of the petition, I think.

1749. You are speaking of Deal and Walmer?—Deal, Walmer, and Sandwich.

1750. Did you employ the canvassers for Sandwich?—Yes.

1751. Let me understand you so that there may be no mistake; do you mean that 41 canvassers were employed for Deal, Walmer, and Sandwich?—Yes.

1752. For those three places?—Yes.

1753. That you are quite sure about?—Yes.

1754. I do not want you to be confused, or to mislead you in any way; you are sure that 41 canvassers were employed for those three places—Deal, Walmer, and Sandwich?—Yes.

1755. Were there any other canvassers to your knowledge employed at either of those three places by anyone?—Not that I am aware of.

1756. Did you employ any other canvassers besides these 41?—No.

1757. As I understand it, what you did was to employ 41 persons for Deal, Walmer, and Sandwich, and that each of those persons that you employed was paid a lump sum of 6*l.*?—Yes; they were not all paid by me; some were paid by Mr. Hughes himself, I think.

1758. I should like to know how that is; how was it you said just now that you gave him receipts for the whole?—I gave him receipts for what I paid.

1759. I have it down here in Mr. Hughes' return, under your name, "Paid to Olds 36*l.*, 90*l.*, 90*l.*, and 30*l.* on account of canvassers," making in all 246*l.*, and 41 canvassers at 6*l.* a head would be 246*l.*, so that those four sums which are returned as paid to you would exactly cover the 41 canvassers at 6*l.* a head?—Yes, that is so.

1760. Are you sure that you did not employ any other canvassers?—I did not.

1761. Were there any canvassers employed to your knowledge by the day?—Not that I am aware of.

1762. Either at Deal, Walmer, or Sandwich?—Not that I am aware of; they may have been employed by Mr. Hughes, and not come to my knowledge.

1763. You had the management of the canvassing department, had you not?—Merely the paying of them, nothing further.

1764. Did you select the men for canvassing?—A great many of them.

1765. But not all?—Some were suggested to Mr. Hughes by others, and some were selected by me, but Mr. Hughes had the whole control.

1766. You know of no other canvassers excepting those you mentioned?—No.

1767. At either place?—No.

1768. As I understand you, you returned the 41 receipts to Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

1769. That you are sure of?—Yes, quite.

1770. Have you never seen them since?—I have never seen them since.

1771. Did you receive a sum of 36*l.* from Mr. Hughes?—I might have done, but I really cannot tell the amounts, because I have no books or papers to guide me. I received various sums from him, and returned him an account of what I had done with them.

1772. He has returned you as receiving 36*l.*, do you remember whether you received that or not? That is the first sum you are returned as receiving, and the following day, or the same day, you are returned as receiving 90*l.*?—Yes, I think that is right.

1773. Then a day or so afterwards, or, at all events, shortly afterwards, you are returned as receiving two further sums of 30*l.* and 90*l.*?—I believe I did.

1774. Making in all 246*l.*?—Yes.

1775. Then two days before the election, or just before the election, you received another sum of 60*l.*, of which you returned on account of houses 17*l.* 10*s.*, leaving 42*l.* 10*s.* more for canvassers, and making a sum total of 288*l.* 10*s.*; did you receive those sums?—I have no doubt it is correct, but I cannot speak from memory.

1776. I want you to tell me what you did with the difference between the 246*l.* and the 288*l.* 10*s.*; there is a sum of 42*l.* 10*s.* over and above the amount which you say you paid the 41 canvassers?—I really cannot say what balance there was, but I always returned it.

1777. He puts down to your debit 60*l.*, less returned for houses 17*l.* 10*s.*, leaving a balance of 42*l.* 10*s.*, and I want you to tell us what you did with that amount?—I cannot recollect.

1778. Unless Mr. Hughes has erroneously represented as paying you a sum which you did not receive of 42*l.* 10*s.* more than you accounted for, what has become of it?—I have no recollection of it.

1779. Do you mean that you have no recollection of receiving it, or how you spent it?—I have no recollection of receiving it, unless it would be for carriage hire.

1780. No, that is paid separately—77*l.* Do you represent that this statement of Mr. Hughes' that you received 288*l.* 10*s.* in the sums I have mentioned, namely, 36*l.*, 30*l.*, two 90*l.*, and a sum of 60*l.*, is incorrect, deducting, of course, the 17*l.* 10*s.* which you returned on account of houses?—The houses would be right, but I have no recollection of this 42*l.* 10*s.*

1781. Do you remember receiving 60*l.*, of which you returned 17*l.* 10*s.* on account of houses?—Yes.

1782. If you received 60*l.*, and returned 17*l.* 10*s.* on account of houses, you must have received the 42*l.* 10*s.*?—I know that I had the balance in hand, and I kept it for some little while, because I was busily engaged and could not go through the accounts; but I went through them afterwards, and returned to Mr. Hughes a balance of 30*l.* or 40*l.*

1783. When did you return him this 30*l.* or 40*l.*?—I should think it would be a day or so after the election; perhaps it might be for change of a cheque.

1784. No. He charges you with it on account of canvassers, independently of the houses altogether; less the 17*l.* 10*s.*, which you returned on account of the houses, there is a balance unaccounted for of 42*l.* 10*s.*, and I want to know what you did with that sum of money?—I really cannot recollect for the moment.

1785. If you received 42*l.* 10*s.* surely you ought to be able to tell us whether you spent it, put it in your pocket, or returned it to Mr. Hughes?—I really cannot, it is so long ago.

1786. 42*l.* 10*s.* is an amount that you ought to be able to account for?—I cannot, unless I paid it in addition to the canvassers; some of them had 10*l.*; an extra 4*l.* was given to some of them.

1787. We have not heard of that before?—Some of them had an addition of 4*l.*

1788. Who were they; how many had an additional 4*l.*?—I should say about 13 or 14 of them.

1789. You say positively that 13 or 14 had an additional 4*l.*?—Yes.

1790. Had you any receipt for that?—Yes; they were all returned to Mr. Hughes.

1791. Do you mean to tell us that you had receipts from 13 or 14 of the canvassers for 4*l.* in addition to the 6*l.*?—Yes, making it 10*l.*

1792. Why did you not mention that before?—I did not think of it.

1793. You said you paid them 6*l.* each?—Yes, so I did; that was the first instalment.

1794. Was it one receipt for the 6*l.*, and one for 4*l.*, with regard to these 13 or 14?—Yes.

1795. Did they each give two receipts, one for 6*l.* and one for 4*l.*?—Yes, two receipts.

1796. Were those receipts returned to Mr. Hughes too?—Yes, an account was given to him.

1797. For the 4*l.* each as well?—Yes.

1798. I understand you to say that you returned to Mr. Hughes 41 receipts for the canvassers for 6*l.* each, and some 12, 13, or 14 receipts from the canvassers for 4*l.* each?—Yes, 4*l.* each; it may be 10 or 11; I cannot say exactly the number, but there were some few that Mr. Hughes recommended to have 4*l.* additional, as they had worked very hard.

1799. I am not particular whether it be 10 or 12, but I understand you to say there were 10 or 12 at least to whom you paid 4*l.* extra, and in respect of that payment you took a separate receipt from them, and returned those separate receipts of 4*l.* from each of the parties to Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

1800. That you are clear about?—A receipt went back for them all; it might be that there was a separate list of those who had been recommended by Mr. Hughes to have 4*l.* extra.

1801. Do you say that there were some recommended by Mr. Hughes to have 4*l.* each extra?—Yes; and he commissioned me to give it to them; that is the only way I can account for it, and I believe that is where the 40*l.* went.

1802. What did you mean by saying just now that the day after the election you returned to Mr. Hughes 30*l.* or 40*l.*?—The day after the election we balanced up, and I was thinking whether he might have taken it then.

1803. I do not follow you, because there is a broad distinction between paying 41 people 6*l.* each and paying Mr. Hughes a lump sum of 40*l.*?—I thought I might have returned it the day after the election, but I think it was laid out the canvassers.

1804. Forgive me, because I do not follow you; what gave you the idea that you had returned Mr. Hughes 40*l.* if you had never done it?—You stated that there was 40*l.* debited against me by Mr. Hughes, and my impression was that if I had 40*l.* I returned it to him the day after the election.

1805. It is not a thing that you would have any doubt about; if you returned a man 40*l.* surely you would remember it?—I do not say that I did.

1806. Could you have the least doubt about such a thing one way or the other?—It is my impression, if I had had it I should have returned it to him.

1807. One can imagine quite well, if a person had money belonging to another person he would return it, but what made you say you had an impression on your mind that you had returned it, if you had not?—I had no impression that I had done so, but only if I had had any money I should have done so.

1808. I rather understood you to say that you had an idea in your mind that you had returned him the day after the election 30*l.* or 40*l.*; did you make him any such return?—No, I did not. I understood you to say that there was 40*l.* debited against me by Mr. Hughes, and I said, if I had 40*l.* in hand I should have returned it to him the day after the election, but now I have accounted for the 40*l.*, and where it went.

1809. I may take it now that the idea that you might have returned him 30*l.* or 40*l.* if you had it in your hands was wrong?—It was not so.

1810. You say that you paid this 40*l.*, or whatever the amount may be, to some 10 or 12 canvassers, in addition to the 6*l.*?—Yes.

1811. And you did it at Mr. Hughes' suggestion or recommendation?—Yes.

1812. What reason was there for paying these 10 people 4*l.* in addition?—They had worked very hard, and some of them had given up their business altogether,

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and 6*l.* was considered not sufficient to pay them for their time.

1813. Had there been any arrangement to pay them 6*l.* each?—Mr. Hughes made the arrangement to pay them.

1814. You did not make any arrangement with them?—No, the arrangement was made with Mr. Hughes.

1815. Was that arrangement made when they were first employed?—Yes, if they worked well; they were to have 10*l.* if we won and 6*l.* if we lost.

1816. Do I understand that that was the arrangement actually made with them when they were employed?—Yes.

1817. Who made that arrangement with them?—I do not know. I think it was myself.

1818. You think you made an arrangement with them that they should have 10*l.* if you won?—Yes; that is, the working committee; the parties that worked the most.

1819. Was that arrangement made with the canvassers?—Yes, with the canvassers.

1820. Was that arrangement made with the 41 canvassers?—No, not with the 41; about 10 or 11 of them.

1821. You say you made that arrangement yourself; if you won they were to have 10*l.* a-head, and if you lost only 6*l.*?—Yes.

1822. Give me the names of the parties with whom you made that arrangement?—I think you have the names all there.

1823. No, I have not indeed; who were the ten persons with whom you made the arrangement?—I cannot recollect the names now.

1824. You must be able to recollect some of them, you say they were the principal men amongst the canvassers; and tell me who they were?—I can hardly recollect, because it is so long ago.

1825. Pray forgive me for suggesting that it is not a laughing matter. These people are in the town, and you must know the leading men amongst the canvassers at an election which took place only four months ago?—I could not be positive who the parties were to whom I gave the money to, now.

1826. I am asking you with whom it was you made the arrangement?—I told them generally that if they worked well there would be 10*l.* if we gained the cause.

1827. But you said just now it was not generally?—There were not more than about 10 or 11 there at the time when the arrangement was made.

1828. Tell me who some of them were. You have a double opportunity of remembering them, because in the first place you made the arrangement with them, and in the second place you paid them; surely you must know with whom you agreed to pay 10*l.* a piece, and in the second place you must remember to whom you paid 10*l.*?—If I had my book I could tell you.

1829. If you did it at all surely you must be able to give me the names, and I must trouble you to tell me the names, you may have a little time to think over it if you like, but you must be able, if you choose to do so, to tell us what became of this money?—Mr. Spears was one.

1830. What Spears is that, William Henry Spears or William Frost Spears?—William Henry Spears.

1831. He had 10*l.* you say, instead of 6*l.*?—Yes.

1832. Do you say that you made the arrangement you have spoken of with him?—Yes, I told him there would be 10*l.* if they worked well and we gained the cause.

1833. Who else had 10*l.*?—William Mackie.

1834. Who are the others?—Walter Solomon, I think he was one.

1835. (*Mr. Turner.*) Was it the same Spears who was concerned in the posting, poles, cordage, and so on?—No, the brother I think.

1836. (*Mr. Holl.*) Now who were the others who had 10*l.*?—Benjamin Wood was one.

1837. That is four out of the ten, who were the others?—I really cannot think of them—you see it was just at the busy time, and I cannot carry their names in my head.

1838. You cannot suppose that anyone would imagine that you cannot tell us who the other six were?—I will try and think by to-morrow, one was named Jones.

1839. What is his Christian name?—I really do not know that.

1840. Where does he live?—In Beach Street.

1841. Robert William Jones is it?—Yes.

1842. What is he?—He keeps a public-house, a licensed victualler.

1843. That is five, now we want five more. Did any of those five that you have mentioned have more than 4*l.* a piece?—No, not that I am aware of.

1844. Who are the other five?—I am blest if I can recollect, I cannot really. I think one was named Ralph.

1845. What Ralph is that?—J. J. Ralph.

1846. That makes six, who are the others; if you think of the leading men I daresay you will think of the names easily enough?—There were some selected by Mr. Hughes, his selections were principally the leading men, but I cannot recollect the names because you see they mixed the committees so.

1847. These are canvassers that you paid yourself, and surely you must remember the names?—It is four months ago.

1848. Yes, but this was an election in which you took an active part, and you took the management and payment of the canvassers, and surely you can recollect the leading men to whom you paid 4*l.* a piece extra?—I had not the management of them.

1849. You paid them at any rate?—Yes, I paid them. I think one was Wise.

1850. Is that J. J. Wise or J. Wise?—It was J. J. Wise.

1851. What is he?—He is living retired.

1852. Where?—At Upper Deal. (*See Q. 1959.*)

1853. That makes seven; who were the other three, it is a pity to take up time if you can think of the names?—One was Wilds of the "North Star."

1854. Robert Wilds?—Yes.

1855. That makes eight?—I cannot really recollect the others, but I may between this and to-morrow.

1856. Let us know by to-morrow morning whether there are two or more to whom you paid 4*l.* extra?—I will do so, but it is impossible to speak from memory, as I have got no books or papers, and it is impossible to tax your memory four months back.

1857. A gentleman who pays the canvassers can easily recollect the leading men that he paid. I see that considerable other sums are charged for canvassers, for instance Axon 9*l.*, 18*l.*, and 9*l.*, making 36*l.* altogether, do you know what he did with that?—That came from the Walmer committee room, and I have nothing to do with it.

1858. The canvassers that you employed were employed for Deal, Walmer, and Sandwich?—Yes.

1859. You do not know of any other canvassers being employed?—There were many employed as messengers in the committee room.

1860. I am not speaking of messengers; there were a good many volunteer canvassers?—Yes.

1861. Were there any people employed by Axon as canvassers?—I do not know Axon.

1862. There were two sums entered as paid to the Sandwich canvassers, 20*l.* and 12*l.*; do you know anything of those sums?—Yes.

1863. Did you receive those two sums of 20*l.* and 12*l.*?—Yes.

1864. To whom did you pay that?—I paid it to three canvassers there.

1865. Who were they?—Mr. Hughes was one.

1866. What is his Christian name?—I do not remember his Christian name.

1867. What is he?—A grocer.

1868. In what street does he live?—Strand Street, I think.

1869. Who were the other two?—Hooper was another.

1870. Where does he live?—He is a corn factor at Sandwich.

1871. Who was the other?—Giles.

1872. What is his Christian name?—I do not know.

1873. What is Giles?—I think he is a builder at Sandwich.

1874. How much did you pay to each of them?—They had 10*l.* a piece.

1875. This sum comes to 32*l.*, and you say they had 10*l.* each, or was it that one of them had 12*l.* These are different, I suppose, from the 41 canvassers?—No, they are part of the 41.

1876. We have already got 6*l.* being paid to each of the 41 out of the 246*l.*?—Yes, I think the 41 does not include these three from Sandwich.

1877. I particularly asked you whether the 41 was for

Deal, Sandwich, and Walmer, and you said Yes two or three times over?—I supposed they were; perhaps Mr. Hughes has omitted to enter those.

1878. What is your present impression, are these three included in the 4l or not?—I think not.

1879. You had 4l for Deal and Walmer, and three for Sandwich besides?—Yes.

1880. You paid these three 10l. each?—Yes.

1881. What became of the other 2l.?—I gave it to Mr. Hughes, and I do not know what he did with it.

1882. Are you sure you returned him 2l.?—I do not mean Mr. Hughes the agent, but Mr. Hughes at Sandwich.

1883. Then Hughes had 12l., Hooper 10l., and Giles 10l.?—Yes, 10l. each. The money was paid to Hughes to pay the others.

1884. Hughes had the whole 32l.?—Yes.

1885. Do you say that that was paid to them for canvassing?—Yes.

1886. Now, was not that money given to Hughes to distribute as he might think most advisable for the election?—No, it was given to pay the canvassers.

1887. (Mr. Turner.) You mean the other two men and himself?—Yes.

1888. (Mr. Holl.) Were there any other canvassers besides these three?—They might have employed some, but I do not know; there was a committee there with nothing to do.

1889. Did you get any receipts?—I had a receipt for the money.

1890. From whom?—From Mr. Hughes.

1891. Have you got it here?—No, I have destroyed it. I destroyed all the papers at the end of the election.

1892. You do not mean seriously to tell us that?—The receipt Mr. Hughes would have, but I say all the accounts I destroyed.

1893. I ask you about the receipt?—The agent would have that.

1894. Do you mean positively to tell us that you returned to Mr. Hughes a receipt for 32l. from Hughes at Sandwich?—Yes, Mr. Hughes would have the receipt for that, 12l. at one time, and 10l. on two different occasions.

1895. Was it one 10l. or two 10l.?—One 10l. and 12l.

1896. That is only 22l., and the amount was 32l.; you told me that you gave each 10l., then you said that you paid the whole to Mr. Hughes, and he paid the others, and then you said that you had a receipt for 12l. and two 10l.; how much did you give to Hughes?—He had 32l.

1897. In what payments was it made, one, two, or three?—I think in three payments.

1898. One of 12l., and the other two 10l. each?—Yes.

1899. Are you sure of that, or are you speaking at random?—I cannot be positive, but I believe it was paid in three instalments.

1900. In three sums of 12l., 10l., and 10l.?—Yes.

1901. Did you get a receipt from him for that amount of 32l.?—Yes.

1902. How did you get it, in three receipts?—Yes, three receipts.

1903. Did you get three receipts or one receipt?—Three.

1904. Three separate receipts?—I should think so.

1905. I do not want you to think about it?—I cannot be positive.

1906. Really you can hardly be serious in telling us that. You cannot recollect whether you paid Hughes in three sums or one, and whether you got one receipt or three?—They were paid at three different times, so there would not be one receipt.

1907. Did you get any receipt from Mr. Hughes of Sandwich; are you positive about it?—I should have to give an account to Mr. Hughes, our agent here, that they had received the money. I should have to bring some kind of receipt to him to prove it.

1908. You are a man of business, and it is not what you would have to do, but what is the fact; did you or not get a receipt from Hughes?—I should think so, certainly.

1909. You should think, you say; cannot you tell us something more satisfactory than that; of course, any man may think he would get a receipt, but did you get one?—I believe I did, but I cannot say positively.

1910. Do you really seriously say that you would go

and pay Mr. Hughes a sum of 32l. on account of this election, and cannot remember whether you took from him any receipt or memorandum of that payment; you must be able, if you think, to tell us one way or the other whether you did take a receipt or you did not; whichever way it was, tell me what the fact is?—I have no cause for keeping it back if I could recollect it, but I certainly do not want to say anything that is not the fact. I should say I am certain almost to have had a receipt.

1911. (Mr. Turner.) Mr. Hughes, the agent, would have it if you did do so?—Yes, Mr. Hughes would have it with his papers.

1912. (Mr. Holl.) Can you say anything more satisfactory than that you think you did; cannot you remember whether you did or did not?—I cannot be positive, but I think so.

1913. Of course you cannot tell, then, whether you gave Mr. Edwin Hughes the receipt?—If I got a receipt I should return it to our agent, and he is certain almost to have a receipt.

1914. As far as we know, he has not; or at any rate he has not returned it amongst his vouchers. Cannot you, seriously speaking, give any more (I must use the word) satisfactory account than this, whether or not you did get a receipt from Mr. Hughes?—I think I must say, yes, there was a receipt.

1915. Really, your manner of giving your evidence obliges me to ask you whether you will really swear that you did get a receipt. You must remember this is no trifling matter, and I must ask you to think seriously, because I cannot help thinking that up to the present your answers have been most unsatisfactory?—I know I paid the money.

1916. I say again you must know, and I cannot help saying it, whether you took a receipt for 32l. or not?—I might have taken a receipt for 10l. and a receipt, perhaps, for another 10l., and a receipt for 12l.

1917. Of course, you might have taken a receipt for those three sums or no receipt at all, or a receipt for a portion; what I am asking you to tell us is what you did do?—I cannot be positive.

1918. That is all you can say?—Yes.

1919. You cannot tell us whether you took any receipt at all?—I cannot say I did, but I should think most likely it would be in three receipts.

1920. I do not want what you think, but what you really did do?—I cannot speak to be satisfactory about it.

1921. You cannot say whether you gave Mr. Edwin Hughes a receipt or not for that sum?—No, I cannot. If I paid the money I should be sure to let Mr. Hughes know by some means that I had paid the money.

1922. (Mr. Turner.) You sent receipts for all the other payments of 6l. to the canvassers?—Yes.

(Mr. Holl.) We must not take that; if Mr. Hughes ever had them he has not returned them with his expenses.

1923. (Mr. Turner.) You say you did so?—Yes; one 10l., I recollect, was sent by a person by rail to Mr. Hughes.

1924. (Mr. Holl.) Who was that?—A passenger going over, and I wrote to Mr. Hughes to meet the train.

1925. Who was it?—A stranger here.

1926. That does not matter; who was it; do not you know the name?—No, I do not know his name; he was down about the election.

1927. You do not pretend to say that you sent over 10l. to Mr. Hughes by a man who you did not know?—He was working here.

1928. Surely you must know his name?—I do not.

1929. (Mr. Jeune.) He was a stranger?—Yes; the money was received.

1930. Was he about the place during the election?—Yes, and I sent it over.

1931. How did you know that he had anything to do with Mr. Roberts, or with the Conservative party; was he acting with them here?—Oh, I am wrong; I can recollect it now; I sent 10l. by Mr. Watts, the spirit merchant; I was going to send it by another man, this stranger, and I saw Mr. Watts.

1932. Is Mr. Watts a Deal man?—Yes, Deal and Sandwich; he has a business in Sandwich, and I was going to send it by this stranger, but I recollect I did not.

1933. You sent it by Watts to Hughes, of Sandwich?—Yes.

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1934. Did you pay the other 22*l.* to Hughes yourself?
—Yes, I paid that myself.
1935. Was that in one sum or two?—That was paid in two sums.
1936. 12*l.* and 10*l.*?—Yes.
1937. Upon those occasions, when you paid him those two sums of 12*l.* and 10*l.*, did you take any receipt of him as an acknowledgment that he had received the money?—Yes, I should be sure to. I think I had a receipt for the 12*l.*, and then I had another receipt for the two 10*l.*, namely, the 10*l.* I sent by Mr. Watts and the 10*l.* I paid myself.
1938. You think you had a receipt for those two sums together?—Yes.
1939. Is this a mere piece of supposition of yours this time, or is it something that you really do remember?—Yes, I remember it; it just came into my head. I was going to send it by the stranger, and then saw Mr. Watts.
1940. I mean about the receipt; did you get a receipt for the 12*l.*?—Yes.
1941. You are sure of that?—Yes, I am certain of it almost.
1942. Did you get any receipt for the 10*l.* that you sent by Watts and the 10*l.* that you paid yourself afterwards?—Yes, it was accounted for by Mr. Hughes, of Sandwich, to me.
1943. And those receipts you returned to Mr. Hughes?—Yes, all receipts I gave to Mr. Hughes, the agent.
1944. We must adjourn now, and I really do hope that between this and to-morrow morning you will try and think these matters over?—I have got nothing to guide me, even our agent is away.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

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MR. SAMUEL OLDS recalled and further examined.

1954. (*Mr. Holl.*) You have given us a list, I see, of 37 names of the canvassers?—Yes, that is as near as I could get it from memory.
1955. Those are all that you can remember?—Yes.
1956. You cannot remember the other four?—No. They should have been paid by Mr. Hughes, they might have been engaged by Mr. Hughes, and my having the paying of the others he might place it to my account.
1957. These are all you can remember?—Yes.
1958. Have you done your best?—Yes, I have tried all I could, but that is all I can remember.
1959. Are you sure you are right as to the names given here?—Yes, I think so, but it is all from memory. There is one thing that I should like to correct in what I said yesterday; I think I gave the name of J. J. Wise, and it is a mistake, and it should be plain James Wise.
1960. I see that this list of 37 includes yourself?—Yes.
1961. Were you one of the paid canvassers?—Yes, I was one of them.
1962. And it includes Giles, Hooper, and Hughes of Sandwich?—Yes, and Pantling and East.
1963. Are they Sandwich men?—Yes.
1964. I thought you told us that Giles, Hughes, and Hooper were not part of the 41?—I could not speak as to it from memory yesterday, but I believe they are. I cannot remember the others, and I tried last night and again this morning.
1965. You think now that Giles, Hooper, and Hughes are part of the 41 canvassers?—Yes. There may be others, I cannot say there are not, but it is impossible to recollect all, some of them were strangers and perhaps I never met them before.
1966. When do you say you paid these canvassers, was it during the election?—It would be before the election.
1967. How long before the election did you pay them?
1945. If you think it over a little, it is impossible for us to suppose that you cannot remember the main features of all these transactions which took place only two or three months ago?—It is four months ago.
1946. A man of business does not go and do these things, and then a few months afterwards not remember them; it is quite incredible?—I really cannot recollect.
1947. You may have been taken a little by surprise now, and therefore think it over?—I will do the best I can.
1948. (*Mr. Turner.*) There are two more to whom you paid the 4*l.* extra. You will try and remember those names?—Yes.
1949. (*Mr. Holl.*) I should like you also to furnish us with a list of the 41 canvassers?—I really could not do it.
1950. You can do it with the register?—I might make out some of them.
1951. You may be able to remember the bulk of them, you were in the habit of mixing with them and dealing with them, if there be two or three of them that you cannot remember that is another thing?—There are many I do not know, even that were working.
1952. Make out the best list you can of all the canvassers you employed and paid?—You see that I was not working much amongst the canvassers, I merely assisted Mr. Hughes to go and pay these people. I was not working about with them the whole of the day.
1953. Perhaps you may be able to get some assistance from those who were working with them, to enable you to make up the list of these 41 canvassers, do the best you can to make up a list of the canvassers to whom you paid 6*l.* each?—Mr. Hughes could produce a list in a moment, but it will be very difficult for me to do it.
- It may be a few days, two or three days, or something like that.
1968. Have you been able to remember the names of the two others who had an additional 4*l.*?—Yes, one was Rea at the "Fountain," and Porter.
1969. Is that Edward Rea?—Yes.
1970. What is Porter's Christian name?—George.
1971. What is he?—A boatman.
1972. You told us yesterday that you sent to Hughes 32*l.*?—I did.
1973. 12*l.* of which you believe he kept, and that he gave 10*l.* to Giles and 10*l.* to Hooper?—I think, by refreshing my memory, that 12*l.* was given to them for themselves, but they did not make use of it for that purpose. They received 6*l.* each, and they should have had this 12*l.*; 4*l.* each amongst the three of them, but instead of doing so Mr. Hughes wanted the money for other purposes, and it was disbursed by him, in fact the voters were pestering him for money and he gave it to them.
1974. I understand you to say that Mr. Hughes distributed that 12*l.* amongst voters?—Yes, for expenses it was.
1975. You say that voters were pestering him for money and he distributed it amongst them?—Yes.
1976. How much do you say Hughes distributed in that way out of the 32*l.*?—I gave him first 12*l.*, and after that they sent over from Sandwich upon the polling day to say that they had no money, that the Liberal party were throwing money about and that they had none, and that we should lose our election. I was going to send the parcel by another person, but I sent it by Mr. Watts, and he did not know what it contained. I put 10*l.* in a parcel and sent it over by Mr. Watts to give to Mr. Hughes, and he merely conveyed it as a private parcel, and did not know the contents of it. Upon the night of the election they came round to me again and said "We have no money, the men want something

"to drink, what are we to do?" and I gave them another 10*l.*, which accounts for the 32*l.*

1977. To whom did you give the second 10*l.*?—To Mr. Hughes.

1978. To himself?—Yes.

1979. Did he come over?—No, I was over at Sandwich upon the Saturday, and they said they had not a shilling in their pockets, and the others were spending money, and they had nothing to pay themselves with unless what they paid out of their own pocket.

1980. (*Mr. Turner.*) The 12*l.* went to these three you say?—It should have done so, but they spent it fairly amongst the voters, whether in treating or not I cannot say, but Mr. Hughes will explain that.

1981. (*Mr. Holl.*) The whole of the 32*l.* went in the way you have told us. First you gave him 12*l.*, and then you sent over 10*l.* by Mr. Watts, in response to an application saying that the other side were spending money, and they must have some money?—Yes, or else we should lose the election.

1982. Then you say upon the evening of the election you went over, and Hughes told you he must have money?—They wanted something.

1983. And you gave him a further 10*l.*?—Yes, I did.

1984. Did he tell you what they wanted the money for?—Yes; he said the others were giving drink and money, and they had nothing to do it with.

1985. Are you sure the last 10*l.* was the evening of the election?—Yes.

1986. Not the evening before the election?—I am speaking from memory, but I believe I am correct.

1987. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You mean the evening before the election?—No, the evening after the election.

1988. (*Mr. Holl.*) The first 10*l.* was upon the morning of the election?—No, in the afternoon, and the second in the evening, after the election; at the declaration of the poll.

1989. Are you quite sure about that?—I am speaking from memory, but I believe my memory is correct. Mr. Hughes will correspond with my evidence; there is nothing to keep back, and we have no wish to keep anything back.

1990. When you say that, I of course assume that you mean it; but let it be understood that you not only say it, but act upon it?—I do act upon it. It is a long time to go back, four months, but I think I am correct upon those matters.

1991. Have you not, besides the 32*l.* that you have now mentioned, sent over other moneys to the parties you have spoken of at Sandwich; either sent it or given it?—I have.

1992. How much; tell us at once the whole, because it is just as well you should tell the whole at once otherwise you will be lengthening the inquiry?—I should think about 450*l.*, as near as I can give it.

1993. Besides the money you have been speaking of?—Yes, besides the 32*l.*

1994. Tell us when that was sent, to whom, and in what sums. What was the first money you sent over, apart from the 32*l.*?—I sent it all at once.

1995. Who was it sent to?—I have just made a private memorandum, but it is all from recollection. I sent it over by Giles and Hughes. They came to my place for it.

1996. When was that?—I think it must have been upon the Monday, Bank Holiday.

1997. The Monday before the election?—Yes, the election was upon the Tuesday.

1998. What money did you give to them?—About 450*l.*

1999. How did you pay it to them?—In gold.

2000. From whom had you received that money?—I received it from a gentleman, a dark gentleman and short brought it to my office; in fact he was in my room when I got home. He wanted to see me, and I went in and asked him what he wanted.

2001. A short dark gentleman you found in your office?—He was in my sitting room when I went home.

2002. What time in the day was that?—I should think was about 3 in the afternoon. He came in by the 2.27 train.

2003. Had you seen him before?—No.

2004. Have you seen him since?—No.

2005. Not at all?—No.

2006. You are quite sure of that?—Yes.

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2007. Do you know his name?—No, I do not; I asked him his name, and he said it did not matter.

2008. And he gave you 450*l.* in gold, or more?—He gave me 1,000*l.*

2009. And of that sum you gave 450*l.* to Mr. Hughes and Mr. Giles?—Yes.

2010. To whom did you give the rest of it?—I asked him what I was to do with it, and he said it was for electioneering purposes. He said, "I have brought it to you to distribute amongst the agents and canvassers of the Conservative party. Distribute it in the best manner you can."

2011. You say that you gave 450*l.* to Giles and Hughes of Sandwich; to whom did you give the rest?—The rest was given to various people; some of the working party in Deal.

2012. I must trouble you to tell me who, and how much to each; and the sooner we have it the better, because it will save time?—I will give it so far as my memory goes; but I cannot give all the amounts, because they came in such a rush upon me. Some had 20*l.*, some had 30*l.*

2013. Let us begin, and see how far we can go?—I will go as far as I can.

2014. I hope that will be through the whole?—Evans, I think he had 102*l.*

2015. What is his Christian name?—I really do not know.

2016. What is he?—I think he is a retired publican.

2017. Do you know what house he kept?—The "Greyhound," he did keep, but he is out of it now.

2018. Who [was the] next?—Solomon, 24*l.*; Hayman, 111*l.*

2019. What was he?—He is a retired publican.

2020. What house did he keep?—The "Pier Hotel."

2021. What is Solomon?—A farmer.

2022. Do you know his Christian name?—Walter.

2023. Who was the next one?—Ralph.

2024. What Ralph is that?—A blacksmith.

2025. What is his Christian name?—J. J. Ralph.

2026. How much did he get?—120*l.*

2027. Who is the next?—I cannot go any further from memory.

2028. Just try; I am sure you can tell us?—They all have lists which they will bring; they will all come forward.

2029. That is only 350*l.* out of 550*l.*, leaving 200*l.*?—They will come forward with the lists.

2030. Who are "they"?—The people who had it; they are willing to come forward.

2031. Then you must know them?—Those that I do know are willing to come forward; but I cannot tell the amount that they had.

2032. (*Mr. Holl.*) Give the names of those others who had any of it?—A man named Worrels had some.

2033. How much?—I cannot say.

2034. About?—I cannot say.

2035. 10*l.*, 15*l.*, 50*l.*, or 100*l.*?—It is useless to give a wrong statement.

2036. You can tell within 10*l.*, 50*l.*, or 100*l.*; was it nearer 10*l.*, or 50*l.*, or 100*l.*?—I should say it would be about 20*l.* or 30*l.*

2037. What is Worrels?—He is a publican.

2038. What house does he occupy?—The "Sir Colin Campbell." Destroying all my papers has placed me at a great disadvantage. I did not think anything of this would come, and I have nothing but my head to go to.

2039. It was a very foolish thing to do, and I should think you must have known it?—I am very sorry for it now.

2040. We will not say anything about your destroying the papers, but having done so you must brush up your memory all the more for it. Who is the next one?—A man named Barnes.

2041. What is his Christian name?—Thomas Barnes.

2042. What is he?—He is also a publican.

2043. How much did he have; about? Does he keep a public-house now?—No. I think his account was not very heavy; about 12*l.* or 15*l.*, but I cannot say exactly.

2044. What is his house?—The "Cambridge Arms." You must not take the amount as positive, because I am not sure about them at all.

2045. I am taking them as amounts as near as you can give them. Who is the next?—A man named Bushell.

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2046. Is that William Bushell or Henry Bushell?—William Bushell, I think, but I will not be positive as to the Christian name.

2047. What is he?—A surveyor.

2048. How much did he have?—I cannot tell you.

2049. About?—He might have 30*l*.

2050. Or more?—Or it may be less. It is useless for me to give the sums, because it will be no guide.

2051. I take it that you are only telling us to the best of your belief?—It might lead you astray. I can give you the names of the people who had money, and that will be better than to give a fabulous sum, and not know whether it is right or not.

2052. We will take it only as near as you can give it?—I think the best way will be to give the names of the persons who had the money. There was a man named Philpa.

2053. What is his Christian name?—I cannot say, but he is the landlord of the "Rising Sun."

2054. Now the next?—A man named Mackins.

2055. What is his Christian name?—Sheppard, I think.

2056. Is he a publican?—Yes.

2057. What house does he keep?—The "Stag." Then there is a man named Redman.

2058. What is he?—He is also a publican, but I can hardly be positive about him, and perhaps I had better leave him out; I know we hired his house.

2059. What public-house does he keep?—The "True Briton." Then Rea and Porter; the two together had one sum.

2060. Do you know how much they had?—I do not remember.

2061. What is Rea?—A publican.

2062. What house does he keep?—The "Fountain."

2063. What is Porter?—A boatman, I think; a boat owner.

2064. You do not know how much they had between them?—I could not say from memory.

2065. Who else is there?—Henry Spears.

2066. What is he?—A publican.

2067. What house does he keep?—The "Antwerp."

2068. Do you know how much he had?—No.

2069. Who else is there?—Mackie.

2070. What is he?—A pilot.

2071. What is his Christian name?—William.

2072. Who else is there?—Valentine Myhill.

2073. He is a boatman, is he not?—No, a Trinity pilot. Then there is a man named Jones.

2074. What is his Christian name?—I really do not know.

2075. What is he?—A publican.

2076. What house does he keep?—I think it is the "Sir Sydney Smith."

2077. Is it B. W. Jones?—I think it is, but I am not sure. Then there is James Wise.

2078. What is he?—He is living retired.

2079. Who else is there?—Benjamin Wood.

2080. What is he?—A farmer.

2081. Now who else?—I think I have exhausted the list.

2082. Are those all you can remember?—Yes, at present.

2083. Have you tried to think it out before?—Yes.

2084. You believe those are all?—Yes; and I have no wish to keep anything back.

2085. You have done your best to remember, and those are all you know of?—Yes.

2086. Did you yourself distribute the money amongst these different parties?—I paid it all to those parties.

2087. You yourself did that?—Yes, myself.

2088. You took no memorandum or receipt from any of them?—I had a memorandum that I kept of the amount.

2089. How much you gave to each?—Yes.

2090. And that you say you have destroyed?—Yes, that was destroyed, and it would assist me materially if I had it now; but I had no idea of any such inquiry as this coming; we never had such a thing before, and I was under the impression that the election was all over, and it was all done with.

2091. Did you receive any instructions from anyone

as to how you should distribute this money, and in what amount?—Yes, from the man who brought it.

2092. What did he tell you?—He told me to distribute it as equally as I could amongst the canvassers and working men, and I think I have done so.

2093. Did he give you any directions as to the amounts to be distributed at Sandwich, Deal, or Walmer?—No.

2094. Do I understand you to say that it is really the fact that you have no idea who this man is?—No, not at all; he is a perfect stranger to me. I asked his name, and he refused to give it.

2095. Have you heard from any one else who he was?—No.

2096. Not from any one?—No, I have no idea where the money came from.

2097. You never heard from any one any intimation or suggestion as to who he was?—No, not at all.

2098. Give me as accurately as you can a description of him, you say he came by the 3.27 train upon Bank Holiday?—Yes.

2099. What sort of man was he?—A man a little over five feet, with dark whiskers, he seemed to have a lot of whiskers.

2100. Was he a dark man?—Yes, and he brought the money in a little black bag.

2101. Was he a stout man?—Not very stout.

2102. What age was he?—I should think he would be a man about 50.

2103. He told you to distribute the money amongst the supporters of the Conservative party?—Yes; I asked what I was to do with it, and the gentleman said "It is for election purposes, distribute it amongst the agents, canvassers, and working parties of the Conservatives."

2104. I presume you had had some intimation that this money was coming?—No, I had not. I had had an enquiry or two to know whether I had got any money promised, several asked if any money was about, and I said, "I did not know." Many of them said to me, "Have you got any money," and I said, "No, I have got no money."

2105. Tell us some of the people who asked you that?—I could not recollect who they were, many asked if I had any money, and I said "No."

2106. Tell us a few of them?—I cannot do it, but many have asked me as I have been passing whether I had got any money, or knew whether it was coming.

2107. They would not ask you in the street in that open way?—Yes, it was no secret. As I was walking along the street they would say, "We want some money, have you got any," or "Do you know where it is?"

2108. Was that a frequent enquiry as you walked along the street?—Yes, frequently.

2109. From whom?—From some of the lower classes, some of the boatmen.

2110. Working men about the town?—Yes.

2111. Any of the tradespeople?—No, not the tradespeople, more the working classes.

2112. Was that enquiry made of you by the active working men of your party?—I have had them make such an enquiry as this, "Is there anything about, do you know of anything," and I have answered them "No."

2113. Have you heard that remark made by some of the leading working men of your party?—Yes.

2114. All of them?—I could not name them now.

2115. Surely you can tell me some of them?—No, it was a general thing.

2116. You say that some of the leading working men upon the Conservative side asked you whether you had any money, or whether any money had come?—Yes, whether there was any money coming, but I could not remember the names.

2117. From what was said did you gather that the party expected there would be money coming down to be distributed?—I do not think they expected it from that source, they asked me generally, "Is there any money about, are we going to have anything this time."

2118. Was that said to you frequently by the leading working men of your party?—Some of the working men, they were wanting to know whether they were going to get something—they could hear that there was money upon the other side, and they said, "Have we any," and I could give them no information upon the subject until this money arrived.

2119. These men you are speaking of were voters?—Yes.

2120. And men working upon the Conservative side as canvassers, either voluntarily or paid?—Yes, they made the same remark, "Have we got anything, do you know of anything coming?"

2121. I may take it it was a common impression amongst a good many of your side that money might come, and they were anxious to know whether it had come?—Yes.

2122. They were expecting it?—They had seen me with Mr. E. Hughes, and they were expecting some money.

2123. Can you give me the names of some of the parties?—No, I could not, really; they were nearly all alike, wanting to know whether there was any money.

2124. Would as many as 20 or 30 have asked you that?—Sometimes in passing up a street the length of this hall I have been stopped half a dozen times by people wanting to know if there was anything about.

2125. I am speaking more particularly of the persons working for the party, canvassers either paid or otherwise?—They might have asked me, "Is there anything down, do you know of anything, have we got any money," or "Is any money coming." I do not think they knew from what source it was coming, and I did not know myself.

2126. Were you asked frequently the question by numbers of your own party?—Yes, frequently.

2127. Showing that they expected something to come, and were anxious that it should come?—There always had been something before on both sides.

2128. And they were anxious to know whether there was to be anything upon this occasion, and whether it had come?—Yes.

2129. Was it your own idea, or did you act according to instructions in sending as much as 450*l.* to Sandwich?—I had no instructions from anyone; the men called and stated what number they had got, and what they would require, and I gave the amount.

2130. Who called?—Mr. W. J. Hughes and Mr. Giles, they called and told me what number they had got, and what they would be required to be paid.

2131. How many did they tell you they should have to pay?—I really could not tell you that.

2132. Just think as nearly as you can remember?—I could not say.

2133. They would of course tell you about how many they had to pay, and about what they thought of paying them, how much did they suggest they wanted to pay the men?—There was an arrangement made.

2134. What sum was it suggested, that they should be paid, all alike?—3*l.*

2135. Then the 450*l.* would pay 150 of them?—Yes.

2136. Was that about the number they suggested?—I think it must be.

2137. That was about the number they suggested they could pay in that way?—Yes, they were not to exceed 3*l.* a head.

2138. Did you hear from them afterwards whether they distributed that money?—Yes, and more besides; they gave me to understand that they paid some out of their own pocket.

2139. Who gave you to understand that?—Mr. Hughes.

2140. And Mr. Giles too?—Yes, they said they were out of pocket, that they had spent the money, and had got none for themselves.

2141. Did the other man Hooper have money?—Yes.

2142. Was there any one else who distributed money besides Hooper, Giles, and Hughes?—East.

2143. Was any distributed by a man named Lock?—Yes.

2144. Was it Hughes only, or each of the five, that told you they had distributed this money, or only portions of it?—They said they had distributed the money, and fancied they were out of pocket.

2145. I understood you to say that you gave the whole of the 450*l.* to Giles and Hughes?—Yes.

2146. Did East, Hooper, and Lock get what they distributed from Giles and Hughes?—Yes.

2147. Who was it told you they had distributed it and were out of pocket?—Hughes for one, and Hooper for another.

2148. Did you hear anything of the sort from Giles?—Yes, from Giles as well. I have heard them all say the same thing.

2149. Did East and Lock tell you the same thing, too?—Yes, East as well.

2150. And Lock?—Yes.

2151. They said they had distributed this money, and were out of pocket?—Yes, I think Lock had 180*l.*

2152. How much did Giles have?—Giles had altogether, with his own money, that is, the 6*l.* allowed him, 24*l.*, and I think he expended it all.

2153. He had 18*l.* besides the 6*l.*?—Yes.

2154. Do you know whether Giles bribed any number of men; do you know how many he paid?—It would be six at 3*l.* apiece.

2155. He kept 6*l.* himself?—No, I think it was all used; I do not think he kept any.

2156. Do you think he paid eight voters 3*l.* apiece?—Yes.

2157. How much money did East have?—I am not positive, but I think about 60*l.* I merely enquired of him the way in which he had distributed it afterwards.

2158. Do you know how much Hooper had?—No, I do not.

2159. Hughes kept a portion?—Yes.

2160. Do you know how much Hughes kept?—No, I cannot speak from memory.

2161. Hooper had some?—Yes, Hooper and Hughes had the remainder.

2162. That is to say the difference between 264*l.* and 450*l.*?—Yes.

2163. With regard to the distribution of the other portions to Worrels, Barnes, Bushell, and the other men whose names you have given, how were you guided in the amounts you gave to them?—They merely told me they had so many persons, and they wanted so much money to pay them.

2164. At what rate was that calculated by them; at what rate were they to pay the men?—3*l.* a man.

2165. It was the same at Deal and Walmer as it was at Sandwich, 3*l.* a head?—Yes.

2166. Did you distribute the whole of the 550*l.*?—Yes.

2167. You distributed the whole of the 1,000*l.* in fact?—Yes.

2168. At the rate of 3*l.* a head, 550*l.* would bribe about 180 people. They gave you the names of the people that they thought they could pay?—Yes, the names of those that they had got.

2169. Have you got the names of those people now?—No, I destroyed them all; if I had the lists, I should have no difficulty.

2170. Can you remember any of the people whose names they gave you?—No.

2171. They will know no doubt?—Yes, they will know.

2172. Do you know the names of any of the men that Hughes, Giles, Hooper, East, and Lock were to operate upon?—No; I had more time with the Sandwich people, because I checked the Sandwich list to see that they were all voters.

2173. You checked the list they brought you with the register to see that they were voters?—Yes, and I gave them the money accordingly, but at Deal they rushed upon me so quick that I had not time.

2174. Did you hear from these parties—Worrels, Barnes, Bushell, and the other names you have given me—that they had distributed this money?—Yes.

2175. You heard it from each of them?—Yes.

2176. That they had paid it over according to the purpose for which it was given to them?—Yes, certainly; I believe they did, but I could not say for certain.

2177. Did they tell you so?—Yes, they told me so.

2178. They told you that they had done it?—Yes.

2179. I may take it there is no doubt, is there, that the first thing you did was to secure a number of public-houses in the place; you thought naturally that the public-house interest was a very important one?—The facts are simply these. The Conservatives contested the seat a great many times, and always failed, or nearly always; they seemed rather down about contesting it, but when Mr. Huggessen left, he being very popular for many years both with the Liberals and Conservatives—he being elevated to the peerage—there came an open question, and it was said, "We have got a stranger coming in," and then the Conservatives showed up in their true colours. My object was, which has been no doubt theirs always, to go round first and secure a great many public-houses; indeed, I believe if the other side

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had them all, you would not have heard anything about it. Our party has generally been behind, and we have allowed them to do it.

2180. Generally speaking they get the start of you, and you thought they should not do it this time?—We had nearly a week's start of them, and we might have had nearly all the houses.

2181. You did have pretty nearly all?—A great many more would have come if we wanted them. The result was, with a week's start, Mr. Roberts had fairly got three parts of the promises of the voters before Mr. Goldsmid came down, and when he came down he really had not a shadow of a chance. I believe, if Mr. Roberts had not spent a shilling, that the popularity he was held in would have carried him through without spending a shilling, whilst the other might have spent his money; that was the difference between the two; it did not matter where you went, as soon as they saw Mr. Roberts they were willing to vote for him.

2182. You mean as soon as they saw Mr. Roberts, and found that he would take 50 or 60 public-houses, they were willing to vote for him. I understand you to say that you considered, and the leaders of your party considered it of great importance to secure the public-house interest?—It is important in many ways. With regard to the bill posting, the literature put upon the walls is pulled down and covered up with other bills, whereas in the windows there is no difficulty in hanging the bills, and you can send the boys and they can replace the bills two or three times a day if you feel inclined. Many of the voters living in the outlying districts perhaps do not attend any meetings, but they see the bills at night when they come in and have a quiet pint, and they can read the bills much better than when they are posted in the streets. In the windows they are not subject to be covered or to be torn up and made use of.

2183. Besides that, there is always a coterie in the habit of attending each of the houses, or most of them?—Yes, no doubt they all expect to make a little out of the election.

2184. If you have a great many houses, the landlord of the house is naturally anxious to help your side if he can?—Not in all cases. When I engaged those houses I had no parliamentary list with me, and I did not know who was a voter and who was not. I merely went down and took the houses in rotation.

2185. Most of them would be voters, as householders?—Not all of them, because some would only have been there a very short time. However, I did not ask who had votes, and whether they were Liberal or Conservative; and they were at liberty to vote which side they thought proper.

2186. You thought probably that if you took his house and your colours were up, you would get his vote, and that the people attending his house would be likely to vote for you?—Many of those of whom we hired houses voted against us, and many of them let a room to the other party, because I did not bind them all not to do that.

2187. Was it not the fact that one object of taking a number of houses was that you secure, to a certain extent the interest of the house and of the people who are in the habit of attending it?—It is on account of the show a great deal. Passers by see the bills up in a number of windows, and that may be an inducement to the people outside to say, "It looks rather red out here," and I shall go with it," or, "It looks rather blue, and "I shall go with it."

2188. (Mr. Jeune.) It looks like the winning side?—Yes, and there are many who like to vote the winning side; but I think a quieter election there could not possibly be. There was not one case of drunkenness, and no treating.

2189. (Mr. Holl.) You know of no treating?—No; no treating whatever.

2190. Have you told us all the money that you have received?—I believe it is all.

2191. You say "believe"?—Why I say I believe is because I cannot say exactly how much was in the bag. I never counted it. There might have been more, but I guessed about a thousand pounds; but I took some and paid it away directly, and never had an opportunity of counting it.

2192. May there have been 1,200*l.*, or 1,500*l.*?—There may have been more than 1,000*l.*, but I never counted the money. I never had a chance to count it. It was all gone in a couple of hours.

2193. You have told us you kept an account at the

time of what you paid away?—Yes, but I never added it up.

2194. Although you have destroyed the account, and therefore have not got the details, surely you know what the sum total was within 50*l.* Was it as much as 1,500*l.*?—I never had an opportunity of counting it; before I had got rid of one, another was in.

2195. You told us you did keep a memorandum of what you paid away?—Yes.

2196. And therefore you had all the sums down in writing?—Yes, but I destroyed it the day after the election.

2197. That would prevent your knowing the detail of how much you gave exactly to each, but still you would know whether the whole of that which you put down amounted to 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.* Did it come to 1,500*l.*?—I did not go through it, but it might have done. I cannot say the amount.

2198. (Mr. Turner.) Why did you say 1,000*l.*?—I said about 1,000*l.*

2199. (Mr. Holl.) Might it have been as much as 1,500*l.*?—I should think not.

2200. You would not undertake positively to say it was not as much as 1,500*l.*?—I should think not. I should say 1,300*l.*

2201. Did the dark man tell you how much it was?—No. I put it at a guess 1,000*l.*

2202. And you say now it might be 1,500*l.*?—I should think not, but I cannot positively say. It might be 1,200*l.* or 1,300*l.*

2203. Do you really say you do not know whether it was 1,000*l.* or 1,300*l.*?—No; I did not count it.

2204. When you put down what you paid upon this memorandum, you would know sufficiently how much the total came to?—You mean that I ought to have added it up.

2205. I am not asking you to arrive at the amount within 5*l.* or 10*l.*, but one would think you would have added it up sufficiently to know whether the amount you received or distributed was 1,200*l.*, 1,300*l.*, or 1,500*l.*?—My calculation gave me about 1,000*l.*, but I say there might be more, because they rushed in upon me so.

2206. You said just now you thought probably it was 1,200*l.* or 1,300*l.*, and not as much as 1,500*l.*?—Why I left this margin is this, several came and took it, and were gone before I could enter it; the result might be that one or two might come in and say that they wanted so-and-so, and I may not have accounted for it.

2207. Have you given us all the names of the parties who had money?—Yes, I think so; all I can recollect. If I recollect more I will give them to you at any time, or to the secretary.

2208. Just think it over, because I should not like afterwards someone to come, and find that someone else had money that you had forgotten. Try and think it over, and see if you can think of any other names. You have got some memoranda there?—This is only from my head.

2209. Do you mind my seeing it?—Not the slightest (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*). That is a little memorandum I have pencilled out, as I could think of it.

2210. Is this the only memorandum you had in your hand?—Yes; I made it this morning.

2211. I thought you had some memorandum of the names here?—No, that is the only one; that is as near as I can think. I think you will find this comes in pretty correct, and will be within a few pounds either way.

2212. How long a time elapsed after the stranger came and gave you this bag, before Giles and Hughes came? Were they the first people who came for money?—Yes.

2213. How long a time elapsed before they came to you; two or three hours?—More than that.

2214. You sent over to them?—No. They came to Lord George Hamilton's meeting, but they did not have the money.

2215. What time was that?—That was in the evening, and they came the following day. I think in the evening they must have come.

2216. In the evening, about 7 or 8 o'clock?—Yes.

2217. You were at home at that time, I suppose?—I was out and about a great deal, but I was at home when they came, and gave them the money.

2218. I understand you found this gentleman sitting in the sitting room of your own house with this money?—Yes, with the money.

2219. How long did he remain with you?—Not 10 minutes; he went off directly, he was going back by the next train.

2220. Are you quite sure he did not tell you how much there was?—I am sure he did not.

2221. It strikes me as a very singular thing for a man to come and leave you a large bag of gold and not tell you how much there was in it?—No, he did not, not even his name.

2222. I can understand his not leaving his name; why did not he tell you what there was?—Well, to the best of my belief he said it was 1,000*l.*, that is what I base it upon.

2223. Did not he count it before he went, to let you see how much there was?—No, he merely took it out of his bag and left it, and was off out as quick as he could.

2224. The bag, I suppose, was merely tied up?—Yes.

2225. Then when you had a large bag of money like that left with you, did not you, out of common consideration for yourself, count it out to see how much there was in it?—I did not.

2226. Why did not you count it so that you might know what sum you had received, and be able to account for it to those who sent it to you?—I intended to do so, but I was called away, and was out a great deal; the first thing was I took the Sandwich money out and paid them.

2227. Do you mean you had not taken the money out of the bag, and counted it over during the three or four hours that elapsed?—I went out again directly.

2228. But there were three or four hours, according to your own statement, that elapsed between the time that this money was paid to you and the time you first disbursed a portion, 450*l.* of it, to Giles and Hughes. During that time do you really mean you did not take the money out and count it, so as to ascertain for yourself how much there was?—Of course it is a long time to recollect. I believe the Sandwich people called to see me at night and some in the morning; I think they came over early in the morning.

2229. Then it was not only three or four hours in which you could count it, but all the night. Do you really mean to tell us you did not take the trouble to ascertain how much money had been entrusted to your charge, so that you might be able to exonerate yourself and explain how you disposed of it?—I did not count it, but I believe he left it, stating it was 1,000*l.*

2230. How was it you said 1,300*l.* or 1,400*l.*?—Because I did not count it. There may be more. I know the man left it saying there was 1,000*l.*

2231. (*Mr. Turner.*) You told us some time ago he did not tell you how much there was?—Well, I am under the impression he said so. I must have got the impression somewhere.

2232. (*Mr. Holl.*) I remember I asked you some time ago when I first began to ask you how much there was in it, "Did not he tell you how much there was?" and you told us distinctly, "No, he said here is a bag of "money"?—I will not be positive whether he did say the amount or not, but I am under the impression now he must have said it was 1,000*l.* In fact, I have been under the impression all along that it was 1,000*l.*

2233. It is singular to my mind that you should have got the impression that it might have been 1,200*l.* or 1,300*l.* We asked you if it was as much as 1,500*l.* and you said it was not, but it might be 1,200*l.* or 1,300*l.*?—Yes; you would not get 1,500*l.* into one bag.

2234. (*Mr. Turner.*) But you said it might be 1,200*l.* or 1,300*l.*?—There might be 20*l.* or 30*l.* more than he told me.

2235. (*Mr. Holl.*) But you said there might be 1,200*l.* or 1,300*l.*?—I never counted it. I could not say the amount.

2236. Are you prepared to say positively there was not as much as 1,300*l.* in that bag?—Certainly, there could not be, the bag would not hold it.

2237. Forgive me; a bag that would hold 1,200*l.* might probably hold 1,300*l.*; it would depend upon the size of the bag?—I think the first statement is right, that it is 1,000*l.*; I think that is right.

2238. Have you got the bag now?—I do not know; I am not positive whether I have or not.

2239. Was it a canvas bag?—Yes. I do not think I have it.

2240. Where did you leave the bag when you went away; you say you went out, where did you leave it?—I left it in charge of my wife to take care of.

2241. How was it fastened up?—It was tied round with a bit of string.

2242. Had you opened it before you went out?—No, I was called away; of course I had business independently of this.

2243. You tell us now it was the next morning before you disbursed any portion of the money?—That they came over.

2244. You say the next morning the first people who had any money were Giles and Hughes, 450*l.*?—They were the first.

2245. They did not get the money till the following morning, so that you had the whole of that afternoon till 4 o'clock, and the whole of the night till the next morning?—There was a meeting that night.

2246. That did not last the night; you could count this money in half an hour. It seems to me an extraordinary thing that a man in your position, having received a bag full of money, should not count the money so as to be able to say, "There was so much in the bag," and I distributed it in such and such a manner." But according to your account you ask us to believe that you took the bag thinking there was 1,000*l.*, and did not take the precaution to see whether there was 1,000*l.*, or 800*l.*, or 1,100*l.*, or what amount?—I hardly had time to do it.

2247. Excuse me, you had from 4 o'clock one day till the next morning?—Yes; but then I did not touch it till the following morning, and as soon as I opened it there was the parties in at once.

2248. That is not the thing. You had from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until you went to bed, and all night, and they did not come in the next morning certainly before 8 or 9 in the morning?—About 8 o'clock.

2249. You had all the morning up to that time; you might have counted it 20 times over if you had liked?—I had my business as well to attend to.

2250. When a man is trusted in that way with 1,000*l.* it is his duty to take some kind of precaution, even for his own sake, and see what is left to him, and that he disposes of it in the way it is intended, although I will not say properly?—It was done so.

2251. Do you mean to tell me you did not take the precaution to ascertain what amount there was, so that if they said there was 1,200*l.*, and you could only show you had disposed of 1,000*l.*, you could say there was only 1,000*l.* in it?—I could prove it by the people who had the money.

2252. That would not prove there had not been more, for you might have taken out 200*l.* in the night and retained it yourself?—Yes.

2253. You would not have any safeguard unless you counted it to see what amount there was?—The statement I made first I believe is the correct one, 1,000*l.* I might have taken his word for it, saying there was 1,000*l.*

2254. To whom have you given an account of how you disposed of that money?—Nobody.

2255. Are you sure of that?—Yes, no one has asked me.

2256. Have you never had any conversation with anybody about this 1,000*l.*?—No.

2257. Do you really mean that?—Yes.

2258. Do you mean you have never had any conversation with any of the agents of Mr. Roberts with regard to this 1,000*l.*—now do think?—I named it to Mr. Hughes one day, and he said he knew nothing about it; "I know "nothing whatever about it," he said.

2259. That is Mr. Edwin Hughes?—Yes.

2260. How soon did you tell him of it? When did you tell him about this 1,000*l.*?—I told him I had got some money, 1,000*l.*

2261. When did you tell him—the day you got it?—Yes.

2262. There is no doubt about that?—No.

2263. You told him you had got 1,000*l.*, or some sum, whatever it was?—Yes.

2264. Did you tell him the amount?—I told him 1,000*l.*

2265. Are you sure you told him 1,000*l.*?—Yes, that is what it was.

2266. Are you quite certain of that?—Quite certain I told him I had 1,000*l.*, and he said, "I know nothing "of it."

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2267. Did you tell him how it came about?—Yes.

2268. That a stranger brought it to your own room?—Yes.

2269. And he told you to distribute it?—Yes.

2270. And you told him, I suppose, you were told it was brought for electioneering purposes?—Yes, I did.

2271. And you were told to distribute it among the canvassers of your party?—Yes; and he said, "I know nothing about it."

2272. That was the day you got it?—Yes; he said, "It is nothing to do with me; I know nothing about it."

2273. Did he tell you not to distribute it?—He said, "I know nothing about it."

2274. Did you tell him how you distributed it?—I did not.

2275. You told him you had distributed it?—I told him I had distributed it.

2276. As you had been told?—Yes.

2277. But you did not tell him to whom?—No.

2278. You did not tell him the names of the people?—I did not give him the names, I do not think.

2279. I suppose you told him that as soon as you had done it?—I told him I had distributed it—it was gone.

2280. When did you tell him that—the same day?—The same day it was done.

2281. That was on the Tuesday?—It would be on the Tuesday; it was distributed the day previous to the election; that would be on the Monday I think.

2282. You got it on the Monday, as I understand?—I got it on the Monday and it was distributed the same day.

(Mr. Turner.) You told us not two minutes ago the next morning.

2283. (Mr. Holl.) Yes, you must be making some mistake; you must have got in some confusion; you said the stranger brought it down at 4 o'clock in the afternoon?—Yes, by the 3.27 train. You see it is awkward to recollect the dates so long.

2284. And you say you distributed it the day before the election?—Yes, it was all distributed the day before. I think Giles came over to the meeting, and I believe they took the money back with them. I will not be positive. I think it must have been the same day now.

2285. He will tell us about that?—Yes, he will refresh my memory on that point.

2286. You think it must have been the same evening?—I think so.

2287. Did you disburse the other 550*l.* to Barnes, Bushell, Phipps, Spears, and all those men the same evening?—The same evening; it was all done the day before the election.

2288. Just think; there seems to be some little confusion in your mind?—I am confused. I have got nothing to refresh my memory upon.

2289. Just take a minute or two to think quietly. What we want to know is this, we want you to tell us the facts. There must be some mistake or some confusion, for you told us a little while ago that this was brought over at 4 o'clock in the afternoon?—The 3.27 train, not 4.

2290. You said you found this stranger at your house about 4 o'clock?—Well, it would be soon after the train.

2291. Soon after 4?—I say soon after the train.

2292. You had an impression at first that Giles and Hughes came over that evening, and they were the first parties who had any money, and they did not have any money till the next morning?—I will not be positive whether they did not have that the same night.

2293. If they had it the same night, did you distribute it to the other people the same night?—Yes, it was all done the day before.

2294. You think now the whole of it was distributed that evening?—Yes, I think that is it. I cannot recollect to be positive.

2295. You said that they came over the next morning; that is a mistake then?—They may not have taken it that night; if they came over on the morning of the election they had it then, perhaps.

2296. Did you give it them or not that night?—I think I must, but I will not be certain; I think they must have taken it the same night.

2297. There were a number of other persons, about 19 or 20 people, to whom you distributed money here. Just think. Did you distribute that to these persons on the same evening that you got the money, or not?—I think it must be the same evening, I will not be quite positive; some might have been over night. Whether

Giles had his over night, and some of the others, and the rest in the morning, I will not be positive.

2298. Now do think; you told us that you thought that Giles and Hughes had the money first?—Yes, they had theirs first; theirs was counted out; they gave the amount they wanted.

2299. Is that correct?—Yes.

2300. If that is so the others must have got the money distributed to them after Giles and Hughes got it?—Yes.

2301. Unless Giles and Hughes got there that night, and you gave the money to them then the other men could not have got it that night?—Very likely they did, and the others might have got theirs in the morning.

2302. Cannot you remember?—I cannot.

2303. Just think, this is 1,000*l.*, you know; cannot you remember whether you had 1,000*l.* in your house lying there all night, or not? (After a pause.) All I want you to do is to try and remember. Think it over for a few moments; surely you must remember whether you had this money in your house that night, or whether you distributed that 1,000*l.* the same evening you got it, or whether it was the next morning; if you have made a mistake say so; only think it over quietly, so as to try and remember exactly what the fact was?—You see the election was on the Tuesday, was it not?

2304. The election was on the Tuesday, as I understand?—Then it must have been, as I stated before; the man came in that night by the 3.27 train, and left it, and I think I must have distributed the whole the morning of the election, if that is the case; in the morning previous to the election.

2305. The morning of the election is a very busy time; cannot you remember whether you distributed it in the evening or in the morning?—Some was distributed in the morning; that is what it must have been—distributed in the morning before the election.

2306. You say that must have been it?—Yes.

2307. It seems to me singular you cannot remember whether you distributed so large a sum of money as 1,000*l.* among all these people upon the same evening that you got it, or whether you did not distribute it on the day of the election?—You see the men did not know it was coming.

2308. That may be. I am not asking whether you distributed the whole of it that night, but did you distribute the bulk of it?—I know there was some I distributed in the morning.

2309. Was the bulk, or any of it, distributed the same evening?—I do not think it was, unless it was the Sandwich people; the Sandwich people might have taken theirs back with them.

2310. And then you might have opened the bag that night?—Yes.

2311. Did not you count it to see what was left?—I never counted it.

2312. Cannot you tell me with more certainty whether you did pay the Sandwich people that evening, or whether you distributed it all the next morning?—I am under the impression that Giles called upon me that night and came early the next morning; drove over, I think, early the next morning.

2313. And fetched it?—Yes, and fetched it; and I think before they were gone the others came in, and it was all gone in about a couple of hours. It must have been on the morning of the election.

2314. You think now your first impression was correct, and it was all distributed on the morning of the election?—Yes; you see I am a little confused as to dates, and cannot recollect.

2315. Was it distributed on the evening of the day you got it or the next morning?—It was the morning; it must have been.

2316. So you think now it was the morning of the election?—Yes.

2317. Did you tell Mr. Hughes what you had done with it that day?—I told him I had had some money come; I do not know who from; he said, "I do not know anything about it."

2318. Do you say you told him the day you got it?—The day after, I think.

2319. Which was it; when did you tell Mr. Hughes? It was an important matter, getting so much money as 1,000*l.* left with you in this mysterious manner. Did not you communicate with Mr. Hughes, who was your principal; you took your directions from him, did you not?—I did.

2320. Did you or did you not communicate to him the fact of your having had this man's visit, and having had this large sum left with you; did you communicate that

to him at once?—I did; he took no notice, and said, "It is nothing to do with me."

2321. Did you do it the same day?—As soon as I received the money; the same day.

2322. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

2323. You communicated the fact to him that you had it the same day that you got it?—Yes, that I had received a bag of money.

2324. Now are you certain of that?—Yes.

2325. When did you tell him that you had distributed it. You told him then you say how you had been directed to distribute it, and he told you he knew nothing about it?—Yes.

2326. Now after you had distributed it the next morning did you tell him how you had distributed it?—Well, I might have named it, that I had given it out; he was busy, one way and the other.

2327. Did you tell him generally that you had distributed the money in the manner which you had been directed to do. I do not mean did you give him the names?—I may or may not; I have no doubt he knew or guessed the manner in which I had distributed it; but I do not think I gave him a list of all the names or the amounts.

2328. I am not asking that, but did you tell him you had distributed the money in the manner you had been directed to do?—I have no doubt I did.

2329. Can you tell us when you told him that; that morning, or the afternoon, or when?—In general conversation. I told him I had received this money and distributed it.

2330. You told us when you told him you had received it; now try and remember when you told him you had distributed it. Did you tell him that on the day of the election?—It might be on the day of the election.

2331. It might be any time?—I should say it was sure to be, it was all done previous to the election.

2332. And did you tell him on the election day?—I cannot recollect.

2333. That you did tell him there is no doubt?—There is no doubt I told him I had received some money, and he said, "It has nothing to do with me."

2334. You keep repeating that; but I ask whether you had told him you had distributed it in the manner you had been directed to do?—I might have done; I am not positive.

2335. Do tell us what is the real fact; it is not a question of what may or might be?—Well, the election day was a very busy one I know; I may have mentioned it to him or I may not. I could hardly get to speak to him the election day; he was very busy in the committee-room.

2336. But he was your principal. The distribution of this money was a material element in the election. Do you mean to say that you cannot remember whether you told him that you had disposed of this money, or not?—I cannot remember that I did, I have no recollection, I may have done so. I do not say that I did not or that I did, it must be an open question.

2337. You had told him the day before that you had received this money; did he ask you what you had done with it?—The remark he made is, "I have nothing to do with it, I know nothing of it;" so I did not trouble him again, it is very probable I may not have said anything more to him about it.

2338. When did you first learn that this money was coming, or that some money was coming?—I had no idea till it came.

2339. Who told you to expect some?—Nobody.

2340. How was it Giles and Hughes, and all those people seem to have got scent of it?—That was on the night.

2341. If the party had not been expecting it before night, how did they know it was coming?—They were sent to me.

2342. Who sent them to you?—I do not know; they told me they were told to come and see me.

2343. They told you they were told to come and see you?—Yes, that is what Giles said, "We are told to come and see you, Mr. Olds."

2344. And I suppose Evans, Solomon, and Hayman, and Ralph, and those other men also told you that they had been told to come and see you?—Yes.

2345. Each of them?—Yes, each of them.

2346. Each of those you gave the money to?—Yes.

2347. Did none of them tell you who told them to come?—No.

2348. Not one of them?—Not that I can recollect.

2349. Have you any idea who told them to come?—Mr. Hughes might have said, "Go and see Mr. Olds." I cannot say that he did. You see it would not be in my presence if he did. They will tell you that.

2350. Did they lead you to believe?—That they had been sent there.

2351. Did they say that?—They said, "We are told to come and see you, Mr. Olds." They did not say by whom.

2352. Did they tell you that Hughes had told them to come and see you?—No.

2353. Are you sure of that?—They got the information; where from I do not know.

2354. Did not you inquire of any of them, or did not any of them say who had told them to say so?—No.

2355. Do you mean to say all of them came and said exactly the same words, "We were told to see you," and did not say by whom?—That was the general thing. We have so many voters here.

2356. Do you mean to say that none of them said to you, "Mr. Hughes has told us to come to you"?—I cannot recollect that any of them did; they might have said so; I could not be positive.

2357. Did they not leave any impression on your mind as to who had told them to come and see you?—No.

2358. Do you know now who told them?—I don't know. It very soon got spread abroad.

2359. Do you mean to say you never asked any of them, or any of them ever told you who it was told them to come and see you?—I might have asked, but I cannot recollect now.

2360. What was the answer?—I don't recollect asking any of them or their passing any remark.

2361. Do think for a moment. Do you mean to tell us that 20 men came to you, and all said the same thing?—They said "We have heard you have some money, and we have come for it."

2362. You paid them every one, and you have no notion of who it was told them to come to you?—I could not tell who sent them. They will be able to tell you who sent them, and where they got the information. They might possibly get it from one another; it would not be from one in particular. One might come and receive money, and he might go back and tell the others where to come for it, and one might send another.

2363. Had you received any instructions with regard to this money other than those you mentioned from this stranger?—No other instructions.

2364. Or from anyone?—No.

2365. Are you quite certain about that?—Yes.

2366. Do you mean that Mr. Hughes had never mentioned to you that money might be coming down, or that you might expect some money, which you would be required to distribute?—Not that I am aware of; not this money; other moneys Mr. Hughes mentioned himself.

2367. I am speaking of this money. Do you mean that you had no intimation from him that money would come down to you which you would be required or deputed to dispose of?—No, I had not.

2368. What other moneys had he mentioned to you before?—Well, I paid for the houses and various other things. For the houses I paid as I stated yesterday.

2369. Had you any other money whatever besides this money that the stranger brought you and that which you received to pay for the houses and the sums you mentioned yesterday to pay the canvassers?—Not that I am aware of.

2370. I must get you to think again about this matter. You cannot have got 1,000*l.* brought to you in this kind of way without having had some intimation from somebody that money would come to you in this way, or money would come to you from somebody, and that you were to distribute it. They would not send down 1,000*l.* to you and never say a word to you before hand?—I had no idea about the money coming to me until I found the man in the house, not from anyone else. I expected there would be money down.

2371. Why did you expect there would be money down?—I naturally expected some one would bring some money down, but not to me.

2372. Why?—There generally has been money in elections, but I had no idea of getting it myself.

2373. You do not mean to say they sent you this 1,000*l.* in this kind of mysterious manner, without your having

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the slightest knowledge or idea it was coming?—I had no idea it was coming till it came.

2374. Not the precise amount, but you knew money was coming to you to distribute?—I did not.

2375. Do you mean you never had any intimation that you would be the person who would be asked to take the responsibility or the duty of distributing this money among the persons where it could be most usefully used?—I did not know who would be appointed. I was not aware who would be appointed for the occasion.

2376. Had you no intimation about it at all?—No.

2377. Then do I understand you to say it was really the fact you had no idea that this man was coming to you from anyone?—Our agent knew nothing about it. I asked him, and he knew nothing about it.

2378. I am not asking you about afterwards, but beforehand. Had not you an intimation or an idea that it was probable that this money would come to someone, and probably to you or some one else, to distribute?—I had no idea.

2379. Had you any idea it would come to somebody to distribute?—No, nor from what source it would come.

2380. Had you any idea it would come from some source?—No. I had an idea there would be money coming down, but I had no idea in what form or who it would come to.

2381. Why had you an idea that money would come down?—There very often is money brought down for elections.

2382. Was that your only reason?—Yes.

2383. Had you no other reason than that?—No other reason.

2384. Had you any conversation with Mr. Hughes about this beforehand?—I cannot recollect any conversation. I know when I received it I told him I had got so and so, and he said, "I know nothing about it."

2385. Had you any conversation with Mr. Roberts about this?—No.

2386. Are you quite certain of that?—Quite certain. I never had a shilling of Mr. Roberts.

2387. I am not asking that. Had you any conversation with Mr. Roberts about this money coming down to be distributed, or that money would come down to be disbursed?—I had not.

2388. Nor with anyone?—Nor with anyone that I am aware of.

2389. Do think. It is not a question of what you are aware of. You must know whether you had or not?—I might have said in this way, people, as I said before, asked me would there be any money. I naturally would have thought there would be some money down, but I had no idea from what source it would come, or who it was coming to.

2390. Had not you some kind of idea given to you from some conversation that money would be sent down either to you or somebody else for the purpose of being distributed for the purposes of the election?—I might have had an idea that it would come down, but I could not specify from who. I have got no evidence from anyone.

2391. I am not asking about evidence?—Or conversation.

2392. Had anything occurred between you and anybody else that led you to think that would be the case, and if so, who was it?—I don't know. I cannot recollect any conversation whatever about the matter. I was surprised when I found it there. It took me quite by surprise.

2393. You say you told Mr. Hughes of it the day it came down, what did he say to you?—He said, "I know nothing about it, and I don't want to. It has nothing to do with me."

2394. Surely you told somebody afterwards connected with your party how you had disposed of this money in order to discharge yourself of the receipt of it?—I had no one to inquire.

2395. But you could do that without inquiry. Did not you give information as to what you had done with it? Do you want us to think that you, having received this money, did not think it worth while to let them know whether you kept it or spent it?—I did not get anyone to make any inquiry. I paid it away as quick as I could, and done with it.

2396. Did not you tell anybody you had spent it?—I might have said it was all gone.

2397. Who to?—I really cannot recollect. I might have told Mr. Hughes I had spent it all, but I do not say so as a fact.

2398. You knew this money came down for the purposes of the election?—The man told me so.

2399. And you knew he was the agent of Mr. Roberts for the election?—Mr. Hughes?

2400. Yes?—He had the whole management and control.

2401. Do you mean to tell me you received so large a sum as 1,000*l.*, and you never thought it worth your while to inform him or anybody else what had been done with it?—He did not want to be informed.

2402. Did he say so?—He said he did not want to know anything about it.

2403. Did he tell you so? I do not want what you think, but did he tell you so?—He said, "I know nothing about it, nor don't want to."

2404. That was the observation he made when you first told him you had received it?—Yes.

2405. Who had you told beforehand that money might be expected down here?—I don't know as I told anyone.

2406. You say it was the usual thing, and you knew people expected it, and were asking it?—Many of them asked, and I told them I knew nothing at present.

2407. I suppose you told that either to Mr. Roberts or Mr. Hughes, or some of your principals?—Yes, I might have done.

2408. Who to?—I might have stated they were asking for money.

2409. But who to?—I might have told Mr. Hughes.

2410. Did you tell Mr. Roberts?—No, I had very little conversation with Mr. Roberts.

2411. Are you quite sure you never told Mr. Roberts, I am quite sure I never told Mr. Roberts.

2412. Are you quite sure you are accurate in saying you had no conversation with him about any money coming down?—I had no conversation with Mr. Roberts about any money coming down whatever.

2413. Had you with Captain Roberts?—No, none whatever with Captain Roberts.

2414. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

2415. Had you any conversation with either of them about money at all?—Not about money matters at all.

2416. And you never heard since, in any way, who this individual was, or where this money came from?—No.

2417. Now, besides this money, 1,000*l.*, or whatever sum it was, and the money you received to pay for the houses, and the money you received to pay for the canvassers, the 246*l.* and 42*l.* that you spoke of yesterday, and the 32*l.* for Sandwich, have you received any moneys whatever in connexion with this election?—I cannot recollect any; I had some moneys from Mr. Hughes; he sent me sometimes to pay accounts or things like that for him, and I paid them and returned them to him receipted.

2418. Have you received any considerable sum?—Not that I am aware of.

2419. Not that you are aware of, you say, but have you received any sum of money, such as 20*l.* or 25*l.*, besides those sums I have mentioned?—I might have done. I really cannot tell from memory.

2420. Did you distribute any other money whatever among voters?—I had nothing to do with the distributing the money otherwise than as I said.

2421. You distributed this among 20 people?—Yes, but not otherwise.

2422. Had you anything to do with distributing any money till this money came which you have spoken of? You know what I mean by "distributing," not paying bona fide accounts. Had you anything to do with paying any money, directly or indirectly, for mere colourable employment or mere colourable work, to any voter beyond this sum you mentioned?—I have no recollection of paying any. I had nothing to do with the other employment—the employment of messengers or anything like that.

2423. Did you pay any money to any voter for his vote?—Not that I am aware of.

2424. Surely if you paid money to any voter for his vote you would know it?—I had nothing to do with the voters, merely the canvassers.

2425. You do not seem to understand what I mean. Did you yourself personally pay, or had you indirectly anything to do with paying, any persons for their votes?—I think not.

2426. You think not?—I have no recollection of any. I had nothing to do with the voters.

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2427. If you had given any man any sum of money to vote for Mr. Roberts surely you would remember it?—I have not; I had nothing to do with the voters.

2428. Do you say that you do not remember, or that you have not?—I don't remember.

2429. Do you say you have not given any?—I don't believe I did give any to anyone. I had nothing to do with the voters.

2430. It seems odd you should say, "I don't remember having done it," and "I am not aware of it." Surely if you paid any man for his vote you would recollect it?—Yes.

2431. Then surely you can say positively one way or the other, "I did" or "I did not." If you did, there is really no harm in your saying so, because you have told us you have distributed a good deal, and a few 10l. or 20l. does not matter much?—I really cannot recollect; I would tell you if I knew.

2432. Your *bonâ fide* belief is that you did not distribute or pay away any other money but what you have told us of?—Quite so.

2433. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you do any canvassing?—No.

2434. Not yourself?—No.

2435. I see you are put down in the list of canvassers as receiving 6l. 3s. ?—Yes.

2436. Did you do any canvassing?—No. I merely assisted the others in canvassing. I assisted Mr. Hughes in going about and in going round to different places, showing him round, and cutting out the districts.

2437. Did not you talk to people yourself?—No. I may have asked one or two if they would vote for Mr. Roberts, but I did not go into it. I took the envelopes out and returned the promises.

2438. Did not any of the people you saw ask you for anything?—I told them I had nothing to do with that. I had nothing myself at the time, so I could not promise them. I had little to do with canvassing; the principal part was those houses, to see that the bills were kept in the window.

2439. You saw Mr. Hughes about as soon as he came down here?—I did.

2440. And then you were about with him pretty constantly, I suppose; you saw him every day?—Yes, showing him the different places.

2441. So you were in his company and in his sight, I suppose, pretty well every day, between the time he first came down and the time of the election?—Sometimes I did not see him, perhaps for a whole day or a couple of days, and then, perhaps, I had five minutes with him, and I would not see him again, he would be busy in the committee room, and at night he would be attending those meetings.

2442. Now did not Mr. Hughes give you to understand that it was possible money might come to you to be distributed?—At first he gave me to understand he was not going to spend any money at all.

2443. But afterwards?—Afterwards he found he could not get on without it.

2444. And then he found he had to spend money?—He had to spend money in many ways, such as flag poles, and putting them up. He objected to them being put up, and colours as well.

2445. At first?—Yes.

2446. And then he found that he could not get along without it?—Yes, he found he could not get along without it.

2447. And in some way, as time went on, you found money would have to be spent, did you not?—Yes, that money would have to be spent.

2448. And you thought, I suppose, just before the election, that unless money was spent on it you would not have much of a chance?—I think we should if we had known who we had got to contend with, but otherwise we should not.

2449. And you talked to Mr. Hughes about this, and told him money would have to be spent?—I told him it would be no use to contest it without money, not with any chance of success.

2450. Did not Mr. Hughes tell you, when he found that out, that money would be forthcoming in due time?—He might have done. I cannot speak for certainty.

2451. Did not he say, "It will be all right before the day comes," or something of that sort, or "Never you mind, there will be money enough before the election comes off;" did not he say something of that sort to you?—I cannot recollect.

2452. He might have?—He might have done. I cannot recollect.

2453. When you saw this dark man come in with a bag I suppose you guessed what he had come for?—He told me. He asked me if I was Mr. Olds, and I said, "Yes."

2454. And so you did not open the bag at once and count the money as you would have done if you had never heard a word about it before, I suppose?—I wanted to get rid of it as quick as I could.

2455. You knew there was money in that bag?—Yes, he told me, and I am under the impression still that he might have said it was 1,000l. I am still under that impression. Not counting it, it might have been more, or it might have been less, but I am under the impression he stated it was 1,000l.

2456. You rather expected, did you not, that somehow or other money would come down just before the election?—I expected it would.

2457. It is not the first time it has happened in Sandwich, is it, that on the day before the election money has come down?—I don't know. I had nothing to do with it before.

2458. But by common report you have heard it is a thing that does sometimes happen?—I have heard it has been so for years; that they are obliged to have money down.

2459. So you rather thought that, on the Monday before the election, money would come from somewhere?—Yes.

2460. And when you found that you were the recipient you were not very much surprised?—I was rather surprised it came to me. I expected some money would come down from some source or other.

2461. I suppose that in conversation with Mr. Hughes about wanting money, and your finding that money would have to be spent, he rather led you to suppose that money would come down, or you supposed that from what Mr. Hughes had said to you?—First of all he did not intend to spend money, then he found he must. He led me to suppose there would be money, but he objected to spending money on many occasions.

2462. Unless it was absolutely necessary?—Yes.

2463. When he found it was quite necessary, of course it had to be done?—Yes.

2464. (*Mr. Turner.*) Who did you expect that money would come to?—I had no idea.

2465. (*Mr. Holl.*) You have told us that a number of people about the streets used to tell you that they expected money, or asked you whether money was coming down, which led you to believe that they expected it?—Many of them asked whether there was any money.

2466. You told that to Mr. Hughes?—I told Mr. Hughes that people were repeatedly asking for it.

2467. You told him that people were asking you whether money would come down, and were expecting it; you told him that, did you?—I might have done.

2468. I think you told me before that you did?—I think I did.

2469. What did he say?—I cannot recollect what remark he made.

2470. Did he say, "Never mind, that will be all right"?—He might have done so.

2471. But did he. Have you any recollection?—I cannot recollect the remark he made.

2472. I do not want the precise words. When you told him that people were constantly asking you whether money was coming, or were expecting it, what did he say to you; did he say anything to you, and if so, what did he say about it?—I cannot recollect the remark he made now.

2473. Did he say anything that left that impression upon your mind?—He merely substantiated what I said, that he thought he could not get on without it.

2474. When you told him people were expecting money down?—Yes; many of them said it was a very hard winter; they were very near starving at the time, and they asked me, "Is not there something coming?"

2475. And you say you told him that?—Yes.

2476. And he said he thought you could not get on without it?—Yes.

2477. Did he say anything more; did he say or intimate to you whether it would come?—Well, he might have said, "No doubt there will be money down," but I cannot recollect what he said now.

2478. Now one other question upon a small matter

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comparatively. I think you went to engage a house called the "Lord Warden," kept by a man named Long?—I did.

2479. I think you saw his wife, did you not?—I did.

2480. And engaged the house for 5*l*.?—I offered her 5*l*.; she refused it.

2481. Did you not engage it for 5*l*.?—No, she wanted 20*l*. I did not engage it at the time.

2482. Did you engage it afterwards?—Yes.

2483. When you paid the other people you did not pay her?—No, she refused at first 5*l*.; she wanted 20*l*.

2484. That is before you engaged it?—Yes.

2485. When you went to engage it she wanted 20*l*.?—Yes.

2486. Afterwards you engaged it?—Yes.

2487. And when you paid the other people you did not pay her?—No; she was paid some days afterwards. We left the house out. Mr. Hughes went and paid it.

2488. I know he did. Did not she come to you and ask you why you had not paid her?—Yes, and I told her it was because she refused.

2489. Did not you tell her it was because her husband had no vote?—I did not; I did not know whether he had a vote or not.

2490. Are you quite certain?—I am quite certain of that.

2491. You know what she has sworn?—I do, and I know it is false.

2492. Did not you tell her the reason you had not come to pay her along with the rest was because her husband had no vote?—I did nothing of the kind. I left word with her for her husband to come and see me in the morning. Her husband was out at the time attending some meeting. I left word, if he felt disposed or inclined to let the house for 5*l*. he was to come and see me before 10 o'clock the following morning. That was on the 3rd I called upon her, and she refused. They did not come to me until the following Saturday, and then she came to know why I had not paid her. I told her, for the very reason that she wanted 20*l*., and I reported it to Mr. Hughes, and he pooh-poohed the idea, and struck the name out.

2493. Did not you tell her that the name of the hotel had been scratched out, because her husband had no vote?—No, it was on account of her wanting 20*l*.

2494-5. Did not she say to you, "A contract is a contract"?—Yes.

2496. And did not you and Mr. Hughes afterwards go and pay her?—Mr. Hughes said—

2497. She did say, "A contract is a contract"?—Yes, she might have done, but there was no contract, though she said so. Mr. Hughes said, if she was willing to accept the 5*l*. he would go and look at the house, and pay her, and on the Saturday night I went with Mr. Hughes and paid her the 5*l*. She at the same time told me that her bill was something like 270*l*. for Leamington.

2498. You told us yesterday that you changed some cheques?—Yes.

2499. Do you remember what amount they were for, and for whom?—I changed two or three cheques for Mr. Hughes.

2500. Can you give the amounts?—I cannot.

2501. About 50*l*. or 100*l*., or what?—I should say it would be about 70*l*., or something like that. I think it was two cheques I changed, one for 40*l*. and one for 50*l*., or something like that; it may be 90*l*. I cannot say the amounts now.

2502. Two cheques you mean?—Yes, Mr. Hughes wanted cash, and I gave him the cash, and paid those cheques in.

2503. He gave you the cheques, and did you draw the amounts out of your bank, or where?—Out of my bank.

2504. You drew a cheque on your bankers?—Yes. He had not sufficient money, not sufficient in the bank.

2505. And you gave him gold for the cheque he gave?—Yes.

2506. And you think it was either 70*l*. or 90*l*. altogether?—Yes, it may be something like that.

2507. Was the cheque drawn payable to you?—I think so.

2508. You say it was two cheques, 30*l*. and 40*l*., or 40*l*. and 50*l*.?—I should think about 70*l*., or else 90*l*. altogether.

2509. What were the dates of those cheques; when was it you changed those cheques for him?—I know I drew 50*l*. out of the bank. I banked them.

2510. Did you draw the 50*l*. out of your bank here the same day you gave the money to him?—Yes.

2511. The same day you gave it him?—Yes.

2512. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Why did you understand he asked you to change the cheques; why could not he go to the bank himself?—He had not got sufficient in the bank.

2513. Did he tell you that?—I believe they were paid into the bank, and there was not sufficient.

2514. On what bank was his cheque drawn?—It was drawn on his own bank; Mr. Hughes' own bank, I think. He had a banking account here.

2515. And gave you a cheque for it?—Yes.

2516. I suppose you paid his cheque in through your own account?—Yes, and drew one out for him, because there was not sufficient to meet his cheques.

2517. But why could not he have got the money straight if he gave a cheque that you paid into your bank, I think, on the same day. Did he tell you why it was he wanted you to change the cheque?—He wanted the cash.

2518. I suppose so, but did he tell you why he did not draw the cash himself direct, but asked you to change the cheques?—I think he had not sufficient balance at the bank.

2519. Did he say that?—I think the banker told me he had not sufficient to cover the cheques. I drew the cheque and held his cheques over for a day or two.

2520. How long did you hold them over?—A day or two it may be.

2521. Have you got a banking account?—Yes.

2522. And a pass book?—Yes.

2523. You can find out the date when you presented these cheques, cannot you?—It would not be mentioned in the pass book.

2524. Have you your pass book here?—Yes, I have.

2525. Just let us have a look at it?—There it is (*handing same to the Commissioners*).

2526. You say you drew a cheque out and got the cash for it. That would be a cheque drawn for yourself?—Yes.

2527. There is "May 21st, self 50*l*."—that would be after the election?—Yes.

2528. Do you remember what day you paid Mr. Hughes' cheques into your bank?—Well, it would be after that. I held them over.

2529. You say you drew a cheque for 50*l*., and another for 40*l*., as I understand?—I had two. I think I paid one with cash I had in hand, and drew a cheque for 50*l*. to make up the remainder.

2530. Do you remember paying in any other money at the same time. On the 24th of May there is a sum of 177*l*. 12*s*. paid in?—Yes, that would be the two cheques, and also the cheque for the cab hire, I think.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) That might be so—very likely it is.

2531. (*Mr. Holl.*) Now one more question or two. What was your bill for cab and carriage hire?—I really cannot tell you from memory—70*l*. something.

2532. 70*l*. odd?—Yes.

2533. Is that the whole of it?—Yes.

2534. Have you got anything showing what days cabs were supplied, and the number?—Yes, my books will show that, and where they went to.

2535. Did you supply cabs during the whole time Mr. Roberts was here?—Yes.

2536. Were they being used from day to day?—Yes, sometimes to Sandwich; sometimes to Walmer.

2537. How many carriages did you have out at this election time?—I think I had one day 12.

2538. That was the polling day?—Yes.

2539. What would be the average number out the days before—from the 5th up to the 18th?—Sometimes five or six; various numbers. When they wanted one they went and got it.

2540. And twelve on the polling day, you say?—I think there were twelve; I will not be positive.

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2541. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are a wine merchant, I think?—Yes.

2542. Now when did you first begin to have anything to do with this election?—I should think about the 10th May; the 8th or 10th May.

2543. Was that the day Sir Julian Goldsmid came down?—No, he came down some days after that.

2544. Two or three days afterwards, was it?—Yes.

2545. How did you come to have anything to do with it; who employed you?—No one employed me; simply, when Mr. Hugessen was raised to the peerage a vacancy was created, and we called the Liberal Association together to consider what would have to be done.

2546. You are a member of the Liberal Association?—Yes.

2547. Is there a committee of the Liberal Association?—Yes.

2548. Is not the Association a standing thing?—Yes, it has been a permanent thing for some years.

2549. And there is a standing committee?—Yes, a committee appointed from time to time.

2550. Who are the members of that committee; first of all, who is the president?—Mr. Cottew.

2551. And who are the members of the committee?—I cannot remember the names at this moment; I can give them to you, if you want them.

2552. Is there a little book of them?—Yes, there is, but I have not it before me now.

2553. You can get it?—Yes.

2554. Then let us have a copy of it, please?—I will.

2555. You were one of the people that met Sir Julian Goldsmid, I think?—No, not in the first instance; I met him at Deal. I was one of those who met him at Deal, but he was at Sandwich before he came here.

2556. Now, you acted in the election in Deal and Walmer, did not you?—Deal only.

2557. And you engaged some public-houses, did not you?—At Deal.

2558. Who told you to engage them?—I forget exactly; I am not quite sure whether it was Mr. Edwards. It was an understood thing we should engage them. I think Mr. Edwards told me, to the best of my recollection.

2559. You engaged the Foresters' committee room?—No.

2560. Well, the "Foresters' Arms"?—No, I did not engage that.

2561. I see there is down in the Deal account, "Foresters' committee room, 7l."?—I did not engage it, but I daresay it would be a committee room. I did not engage it myself.

2562. Now the "Port Arms," what about that?—That was a committee room.

2563. And you engaged that?—Yes.

2564. When did you engage it?—Some time during the week prior to the election.

2565. Was there a committee room there?—Well, it was called a committee room; of course it was not required; we did not want a committee room.

2566. Who is the landlord of the "Port Arms"?—There is no landlord there; it is kept by a female.

2567. 16l. 10s. I see is what you paid?—I did not pay anything.

2568. Has not that been paid yet?—Nothing is paid; I never paid anything at all.

2569. That claim has not been paid?—No.

2570. Did you arrange with the people at the "Port Arms" what they were to be paid?—Yes, 2l. 10s. simply for accommodation; we had a lot of voters round the neighbourhood, and we might perhaps want to see them occasionally, and we arranged we should meet them there; they were in the habit of meeting there.

2571. There is a place called the "Friendly Port"?—Yes.

2572. Did you arrange with them?—No.

2573. There is a claim of 3l. for that?—Yes.

2574. You did not arrange what they were to have?—No.

2575. It was simply that you were to have a room there, and they were to be paid?—Yes.

2576. Then George Hayward, what is he?—He is a hairdresser in Beach Street; it is a private house.

2577. What was that hired for?—A committee room.

2578. Did you hire it?—Yes.

2579. What were you to pay him?—5l. for whatever time the election was on.

2580. Then the "Clarendon Tap" at 7l.?—Yes.

2581. And the "Jolly Gardeners" 5l.?—That is right.

2582. The "Railway Tavern" seven guineas?—I did not take that.

2583. You have nothing to do with that?—No.

2584. The "Norfolk Arms" 5l.?—That is right.

2585. The "Maxton Arms" 5l.?—Yes.

2586. You arranged with those for 5l.?—Yes, and those are paid.

2587. Then the "Victoria" 5l.?—Yes.

2588. The "Fox"?—Yes.

2589. And the "Deal Castle"?—Yes.

2590. The "Compasses"?—Yes.

2591. And the "Deal Cutter"?—Yes.

2592. Which of those have been paid?—There is eleven out of the list have been paid.

2593. (*Mr. Holl.*) 5l. each?—Yes, except one which is 4l.; 54l. is the amount, as there are ten fives and one four.

2594. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Now did you engage the "Tally-ho"?—Yes.

2595. Is that paid?—Yes.

2596. And Clayson's?—That is paid; I did not pay it personally. It was paid; I gave the money for it.

2597. You engaged it?—Yes.

2598. The "Castle Inn"?—That is paid.

2599. The "White Horse"?—No, that is not paid.

2600. The "Shark"?—That is not paid.

2601. Did you engage the "White Horse"?—Yes.

2602. And the "Shark"?—Yes.

2603. Did you engage the "Park Tavern"?—No.

2604. Did you engage Pritchard's "Eagle"?—Yes.

2605. Did you engage it for 10l.?—No.

2606. Did you make any bargain with the "Eagle" at all?—No. I presume it was the same as the others. I took it for granted it was the same. There was some claim he sent in. I am not sure what it was; that might perhaps make it 10l.

2607. King is 5l., I think?—Yes; he is next door to my own place.

2608. What is it, a public-house?—No, a private house.

2609. You took that, did you?—Yes; we were so crowded with people we were obliged to have a room extra.

2610. In some places you took private houses instead of public-houses?—Yes; two or three; we could not get enough public-houses; they were all gone with a clean sweep.

2611. What did you want private houses for?—Merely for convenience; we wanted rooms.

2612. What for?—Private purposes.

2613. Did you use those rooms?—Yes.

2614. What for?—For people to go into.

2615. There was nothing to be got to drink there?—No, they did not want drink; it was not a question of drink; it was more a question of money than drink.

2616. Then Woodward, an assistant. Did you engage Woodward?—Woodman is it?

2617. Yes, it is?—I did.

2618. What is he?—An auctioneer and agent at Greenwich.

2619. What did you engage him for?—Simply to come down and assist us in working the election. We wanted him more particularly for public-houses, to get the bills about. We had no bills about, and he got the bills out. At the suggestion of Sir Julian Goldsmid, I telegraphed to Mr. Woodman to come down.

2620. What did you give him?—I did not give him anything at all. I simply telegraphed to him. My instructions were from Sir Julian himself to telegraph to Woodman to come down.

2621. Did Mr. Edwards give you authority to do these things, or did you do them out of your own head?—I had perfect liberty to work as I liked with regard to public-houses.

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2622. Then Mr. Edwards gave you the right to engage as many public-houses as you thought proper?—Yes; but I knew myself very few were to be had. A few had stuck out, but most were gone.

2623. And also to engage as many private houses as you thought necessary?—Oh no; that was simply my own discretion.

2624. Did you pay any of these things yourself? Two have been paid, I see; did you pay them?—Which two?

2625. It is more than two; 54*l.* has been paid for public-houses; did you pay that?—I paid all but one or two.

2626. In the same way you paid Woodman, I suppose?—Yes.

2627. 17*l.*?—No. I think that was guessed at. I think the real amount was 15*l.* 8*s.* The amount was guessed at; I could not exactly remember what I paid him, but I see since it was 15*l.* 8*s.*

2628. But you paid that?—I paid him.

2629. Who gave you the money for it?—I did not have the money; I paid it myself; I was given instructions to pay him.

2630. Did you pay it out of your own pocket?—Yes, I did.

2631. Now, what sums of money have you received?—Between 1,100*l.* and 1,200*l.* I think the real amount is 1,125*l.*

2632. When did you receive it?—I received 50*l.* some time during the week prior to the election; 50*l.* and 25*l.* That is all I had during the week; the remainder I had on the Monday prior to the election.

2633. From whom did you receive that 50*l.* and 25*l.*?—From Mr. Edwards.

2634. By cheque?—No, in gold; that was intended for the public-houses; they would have payment beforehand, many of them.

2635. You got 50 sovereigns and 25 sovereigns?—Yes.

2636. What did you do with that money?—I spent it on the public-houses.

2637. What public-houses did you pay?—I can mention the names if I had the list.

2638. The "Jolly Gardeners"?—Yes, that was 5*l.*

2639. The "Norfolk Arms"?—Yes, 5*l.*

2640. The "Maxton Arms"?—Yes, 5*l.*

2641. Here is a bill for 54*l.*; did you pay that?—Yes.

2642. And you paid that with the 50 sovereigns, as far as it went?—Yes. It was all paid at the same time; they were paid during the course of the election.

2643. Now, what did you do with the other 25*l.*?—That comes in the general account; I left that over; the 25*l.* went in with the larger amount.

2644. On Monday, you say, you got 1,100*l.*?—1,050*l.*, I think it was.

2645. I thought it was 1,100*l.*?—That is including the first 50*l.*

2646. How was that given to you?—In gold.

2647. By Mr. Edwards?—No. Mr. Edwards did not give it me. I sent to town for it, and of course it came up as I wanted it.

2648. You sent to town and the money came to you?—It came by a messenger.

2649. You sent a messenger to the town for it?—Yes.

2650. You had arranged with Mr. Edwards before that you were to get it?—Yes. It was only decided about the Saturday to fight it out.

2651. Edwards told you on Saturday that you might send up for 1,100*l.*, did he?—I think it was Saturday, but I will not be positive. It might be Monday. We never paid any till Monday.

2652. You had some conversation with Mr. Edwards, and he told you you might send for that amount?—He did not tell me that amount.

2653. Well, send for a sum?—Yes. I found out afterwards what the amount was accidentally.

2654. But you knew it was going to be a large sum?—Oh yes.

2655. Did Mr. Edwards tell you where the money was coming from?—No.

2656. How did it come about; did he say to you, "If you send up in the afternoon, you will get some money"?—I could not remember what he told me. I know he told me I was to get it on the Monday.

2657. How long had you known that money was coming?—I did not know until a day or two before. I do not think it was decided in fact until a day or two before whether we should fight it on the purity system or by bribery.

2658. I will not use the obnoxious word, but you decided it was not to be on the purity system?—Yes, that was the only thing.

2659. Having decided that, did you not expect that the means would come to enable you to conduct the contest?—Yes.

2660. And you sent someone round to Mr. Edwards, and he brought you back this money in sovereigns?—Yes.

2661. What did you do with it?—I gave it away to different people as they wanted it.

2662. To what people?—(After referring to some papers.) That is the telegram I sent to Mr. Woodman, and that is the list (handing the same to the Commissioners).

2663. Before going to that subject we were talking about, let me ask you this. Before Sir Julian came down, you had negotiations with other persons as to whether they would stand or not?—Yes.

2664. I do not know that it is necessary to mention the names, but there were two or three other gentlemen, as I gather from these telegrams, with whom you were in communication?—Quite so.

2665. None of them were eventually accepted?—No.

2666. Why were they not?—It did not seem to suit the party, I suppose; I do not know exactly why.

2667. Was it not because they were not prepared to spend the money?—I think one gentleman did come down, but when he went to Sandwich, he found it would be a very strong contest, and he preferred to retire.

2668. That was Sir John Adye, of whom we have heard?—No, another gentleman.

2669. Was any communication made with them as to what the expenses of the contest would be?—That I do not know; of course I did not see them; it might have been, but not from us; it very likely would be the case.

2670. I see there is a telegram here (there is no harm in mentioning it) about Mr. Philip Salomons?—Quite so. I telegraphed myself to him. I telegraphed to Mr. Finnis, at Dover, first, and he sent me his address.

2671. Do you know whether any communication was made to him as to what the necessary expenses of the contest would be?—I do not know. He came to Sandwich, but I did not see him.

2672. Do you know whether he was or was not accepted as a candidate?—No, I do not.

2673. Who negotiated with Mr. Philip Salomons, do you know?—I do not know who met him at Sandwich. I should think Mr. Emmerson, or some of the leading parties at Sandwich; I do not know; I could not say.

2674. I see there is a telegram from Jones of Dover to Mr. Hayward of Deal. Was Mr. Hayward the person who was communicating with Mr. Stanhope?—No. I suppose the Dover people were anxious to know whether Mr. Stanhope would stand for Deal. I suppose that was the object of it—the proprietors of the Dover papers.

2675. Was Mr. Frank Marshall one of the persons who was proposed to stand?—No, he was the secretary to Mr. Davis at St. Peter's, a gentleman who contested the borough at the general election.

2676. What was he coming down about?—Of course I wrote to him to know if Mr. Davis would stand the contest.

2677. That went off, and Mr. Davis did not come?—No, he was not invited in fact.

2678. I see there is a telegram here from Woodman, who you told me just now you brought down. Woodman lives at Greenwich, does he not?—I am not quite sure; either Greenwich or Woolwich.

2679. What is Mr. Woodman?—He is an auctioneer, surveyor, and public-house agent.

2680. What did he come down for?—To assist generally in the election. I sent for him at the suggestion of Sir Julian. I did not know the man at all until he came down. I telegraphed to him, and that is the reply you have there.

2681. I see he came down on the 14th May?—Very likely. I do not know the date.

2682. Did he come down on the Friday, do you know?—I could not say the date.

2683. There is a telegram from him, "Yours received."

"Will be down this afternoon"?—That is the same date.

2684. Why did you telegraph to Woodman to come?—At the suggestion of Sir Julian.

2685. Sir Julian suggested that you should telegraph to Mr. Woodman to come down?—Quite so.

2686. Did you telegraph?—Immediately, and that telegram is the reply to it.

2687. Did you know Mr. Woodman before?—No, I never heard of him.

2688. You simply telegraphed to an unknown person, and told him to come down?—Quite so.

2689. Did you tell him that Sir Julian wished it?—No, not at all. I supposed he understood that.

2690. How long did Woodman stay?—Four or five days. There are two of them.

2691. Did Mr. Woodman bring that money down from London?—No, he had nothing at all to do with that.

2692. Did Mr. Edwards tell you where the money came from?—No.

2693. All Mr. Edwards told you was that he would have money?—Just so.

2694. You have told us you got this money, and I think you were on the point of telling me to whom you distributed it. Is this the list?—That is the list.

2695. 1,136*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, I see the total is?—That is about it.

2696. It is headed "Amounts paid." Lambert and Marsh per Warner, 150*l.* Who are Lambert and Marsh?—They are two Deal boatmen.

2697. And who is Warner?—A pilot.

2698. You gave Warner 150*l.* to give to Lambert and to Marsh?—Yes, I knew he wanted it. I knew that was the amount agreed upon to pay Warner, so I gave it to him, and he took it to them.

2699. You had agreed with Lambert and Marsh beforehand?—I had not, but Warner had.

2700. I suppose that had been arranged before the Monday?—Yes, the day before probably.

2701. That they were to have 150*l.*?—Yes.

2702. You knew therefore before the Monday that there would be money wanted, and you made arrangements?—Yes, it was the day before, I think. I would not be quite positive, but it was a very short time before.

2703. You arranged with Lambert and Marsh that they were to have 150*l.*?—I did not myself personally. Warner arranged with them. I knew what the arrangement was; of course he told me.

2704. And you gave Warner the money?—Yes.

2705. What were Lambert and Marsh to do with it, to distribute it?—They were to distribute it among a number of voters.

2706. Did you know the names of the voters?—No, I did not. I gave the list to Mr. Lewis's agents.

2707. Upon what date did you give this 150*l.* to Warner to give to Lambert and Marsh?—On Monday, about six or seven o'clock in the evening. It was the Monday previous to the election. The election was on the Tuesday, and I gave it to him on the previous Monday.

2708. It was all in sovereigns, I suppose?—Yes, all in gold.

2709. W. Watts, 50*l.* Who is Mr. Watts?—He keeps the "Railway" Tavern, just opposite the station gate.

2710. Was that money which he was to distribute?—Yes.

2711. Did you give him that on the Monday previous to the election?—On the Monday.

2712. Did you know to what men he was going to give it?—Yes.

2713. Did he give you a list of the names?—He gave a list of the names. He run through the register to see that all the names were on it, and they were then passed on to the committee room.

2714. Did Lambert and Marsh give Warner a list of the names of persons they were going to distribute the money to?—Yes.

2715. Have you that list; I gave it to Mr. Lewis's agent during the petition inquiry; there were several of them.

2716. You gave it to Mr. George Lewis's agent who was down here?—Yes, we wanted to elect our man, and

instead of having the people we bribed we wanted to get the others. They brought some names to him. I knew the people we had hold of and it was no use summoning them. *J. T. Outwin.*

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2717. There was a list made out by Lambert and Marsh of the persons to whom they were going to give money, and also a list of the people to whom Watts was going to give money?—Quite so.

2718. F. Warner, 25*l.* I suppose that is the same Mr. Warner?—Yes.

2719. He was to distribute that, I suppose?—Yes.

2720. Did he give you a list?—No, no list at all.

2721. He was to distribute that as he thought proper?—Yes, according to his own discretion.

2722. May I take it that all these sums in the list were distributed by you on the Monday evening?—No, some on the next morning. We had to sit up all night to go through the list. There were many names came in, but they were not on the register at all, so we had to analyse them as they came in, and then pay in accordance with the voting.

2723. Chittenden, 27*l.* Who is Mr. Chittenden and where does he live?—He is a builder; he lives in Beach Street.

2724. Did he give you a list?—Yes.

2725. That you handed over, I suppose, in the same way?—I think so.

2726. Reynolds, 15*l.*?—Yes, there were three names there.

2727. Gibbons, 36*l.* Who is Mr. Gibbons?—A builder.

2728. Did he give you a list?—Yes.

2729. What sort of sum did each voter get?—The price we wanted to give them was 3*l.* each, and the remainder afterwards, but a good many of them were too artful; they would not take the 3*l.*, they would have 5*l.*; that was the recognised price.

2730. 3*l.* is what you wanted to give them, but some wanted a little more?—Some would have 4*l.* and some would not move without 5*l.* They said they ought to have the same as the public-houses, which was 5*l.*

2731. Finnis, 48*l.* Who is Mr. Finnis?—He is a tavern-keeper in Beach Street, the "Fox" inn.

2732. He gave you a list too, I suppose?—Yes, 16 voters. That list I gave Mr. Lewis's agent, because they wanted particular boatmen.

2733. Philpott. Where does Mr. Philpott live?—I forget; I cannot remember who that is at the moment. Is that 12*l.*?

2734. Yes; Philpott, 12*l.*?—I do not remember just now what it was. I can ascertain who it is.

2735. I daresay you will be able to remember by-and-bye?—Yes.

2736. Brown, 129*l.* Then there are put three sums, 30*l.*, 75*l.*, and 34*l.* Did he have it in three different sums?—He would have it as you see it there.

2737. Did he get that the same evening or the next morning, or partly at one time and partly at another?—The principal portion was given to him on the following morning, the morning of the election.

2738. He gave you a list, of course, as they were largish sums?—Yes.

2739. What is he?—He is a farmer and market gardener.

2740. Norris, 45*l.*?—I think you will find there are two Norris's.

2741. Yes, there are two Norris's; one is 45*l.* and the other is 30*l.*; who are they?—One of them is a carpenter; he lives in Wellington road; and the other is in the employment of Mr. Cullen, an ironmonger here. I do not know which is the 45*l.* and which is the 30*l.*

2742. They gave you lists, I suppose?—Yes, we would not pay the money without.

2743. Harris, 26*l.*; that is in one sum of 15*l.* and one sum of 11*l.*?—Yes, that is right.

2744. I suppose, having given you a list, he brought other names and said, "I have so many more people"?—No, I had not sufficient money to pay them all at once, so I had to get a fresh instalment.

2745-6. I thought you got the 1,130*l.* in one sum?—No, not all at once; it was all the same day, but at different periods of the day. For instance, the last amount I did not get until about 11 or 12 o'clock at night.

2747. Did you send two or three times to Mr. Edwards?—Yes.

2748. As you wanted more money you kept sending?—Yes.

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2749. They kept coming in and you kept sending to Mr. Edwards to get more money as you wanted it?—Yes.

2750. Hancock, 3*l*. Who is Mr. Hancock?—He is a fly proprietor.

2751. That, I suppose, was to be given to one voter?—Yes.

2752. George Potts, two sums of 20*l*. each. Where does Mr. Potts live?—Gladstone Road.

2753. He, I suppose, gave you a list?—Yes, they all gave lists, every one; there were two who did not give lists.

2754. I only see one here. Two did not give lists?—Yes, three I think.

2755. One was Warner?—One was Warner; and there are two down below; you will get the names presently.

2756. Where does Mr. Allen live?—In Peter Street.

2757. Mr. Riley, 24*l*.; where does he live?—Middle Street.

2758. Mr. Ramell, 36*l*.; where does he live?—High Street. He is a grocer.

2759. Pritchard, 30*l*.?—He is a tavern keeper near the station.

2760. Then Cox is put down at 5*l*., and Hobday at 12*l*. Who is Mr. Cox; he got 5*l*.?—I do not know where he lives; I know the man.

2761. Do you know his Christian name?—I think it is Charles.

2762. Hobday 12*l*.; where does he live, and where is he?—He is a farmer. I do not know where he lives.

2763. Cannot you remember where Hobday lives?—No, I am not quite certain. It is somewhere in Middle Deal. I am not quite sure; somewhere in the outskirts of the town.

2764. H. Millen, 30*l*.; what is he. There were two Millens; one is H. and the other is J.; and they both had the same sum. Where do they live?—One lives close to the railway station. I do not know where the other lives.

2765. Do you know what both of them are?—Pilots.

2766. S. Ralph, he had 96*l*.; where does he live?—At the "Forrester Inn."

2767. Here are three small sums; Pettit, 1*l*.; King, 1*l*. 17*s*. 6*d*., and Cox, 10*s*. What are those payments made for?—I think they were for special messengers, or something of that kind; for some services rendered.

2768. Then there is Treemore, 3*l*.?—That would be a single payment.

2769. Lee, 12*l*.; where does Mr. Lee live?—Custom House Lane.

2770. Do you know what Lee is?—He is assistant to a grocer.

2771. Woodman's account, 15*l*. 8*s*.; is that what you paid to Mr. Woodman?—Yes.

2772. Norris, 6*l*. That is a third Mr. Norris?—No, it is one of the other two. That would be on the day of the election. As to those small amounts, I could not say who received the money in the hurry and skurry of the moment.

2773. There are two Norris's?—Yes, two.

2774. And this was one or the other of them?—Yes, one or the other of them.

2775. Hougham and Brown, per Cox, 8*l*. Who is Mr. Hougham?—I do not know which one it was. There are several of them; I cannot say which it was at the present moment. It was paid to Cox for them.

2776. Who is Mr. Brown?—I do not remember.

2777. There were people to whom Cox was to give the money?—Yes.

2778. The next one is Denne, per Bedwell, 5*l*. Who is Mr. Bedwell?—A farmer living in the outskirts of the town.

2779. Then there is Robinson, 4*l*. Who is he, and where does he live?—I think he keeps a tavern down this High Street. I presume that is the one.

2780. Redman, 15*l*. What is he?—He is another tavern keeper in Beach Street.

2781. What house does Mr. Redman keep; do you know?—The "Rose and Crown."

2782. Then there is Mr. Bishop, 12*l*.?—I do not remember who that is just at the moment.

2783. Then A. R. Willey, 5*l*.?—He is a painter.

2784. Where does he live?—In Beach Street.

2785. Then there is Norris again, 8*l*.; is that one of

the other Norris's?—That would be the same one; one or the other of them, I could not say which.

2786. They came to you once or twice?—Yes, several times. According as they got more people they came for money.

2787. Pettit, 3*l*.; he is a voter himself, I suppose?—Yes, he would be sure to be a voter, or he would not have the money.

2788. He seems to have been contented with 3*l*.?—Yes; but he expected the other. I think he had some more besides; he expects the other at all events.

2789. Where does Mr. Pettit live?—I do not know at all where he lives. I fancy he used to be a policeman.

2790. Theobald; where does he live?—I do not know where he lives.

2791. Do you know his Christian name?—No.

2792. 5*l*. he had?—Yes.

2793. Do you not remember where he lives?—No, I do not know where he lives.

2794. Do you know what trade he is?—Yes, he is at the "Brewery."

2795. Then there is committee rooms, 54*l*., and then sundry amounts as per book, 35*l*. 15*s*. They are in this list, but there are several hieroglyphics?—You will find the cypher on one side, and the plain the other.

2796. The figures are the explanation?—Yes. On the left hand side you will find the explanation.

2797. Joe Brown, he had 9*l*.?—You will find all that is in the detailed account which you had before. Those were paid on the day of the election.

2798. Do you mean these amounts are the same as in that list?—Yes, there are a lot of small amounts not entered in that sheet. You will find them all under 5*l*.

2799. There is Cavell 2*l*.; what was that for?—That was for his vote no doubt.

2800-1. Then there is Mr. Norris, but he will be in he other sheet. Then there is Mr. Budd 3*l*., I do not think he is down here?—No, he would not be down very likely.

2802. Who is he?—I do not know who he is.

2803. I daresay we shall find him in the register of voters?—Yes, he is sure to be down there.

2804. Do you happen to know his Christian name?—No.

2805. Then there is Mr. Redsull, per Lee, 3*l*.?—Lee would pay that amount to him.

2806. Who is Mr. Redsull?—I do not know, there are several of them, I do not know who it would be.

2807. Mr. Flanders, per Mr. Lee 3*l*.; who is Mr. Flanders?—I do not know who he is.

2808. You gave the money to Mr. Lee, and Mr. Lee gave them the money?—Just so.

2809. I see there is 12*l*. on this account down to Lee. Would that 12*l*. include this amount do you know?—I do not know, but I should think it would.

2810. What happened was this, that Lee came to you and asked you for 3*l*. for Flanders?—As they asked for money they received it as long as it lasted.

2811. Then there is J. B. Millen 10*l*. I do not see him down here?—That is Millen. That is in the other one.

2812. Then there is Bob Redman. Where does Bob Redman live?—I think it is in Middle Street.

2813. He had 3*l*. apparently?—Yes.

2814. Then there is Jordan per Reynolds 5*l*. Have we had Mr. Reynolds before?—Yes 15*l*., two sums 10*l*. and 5*l*.

2815. King 1*l*. 15*s*.?—That is entered before. He was a messenger, I wanted one specially for me.

2816. Then there is 3*l*. to George Town, who is he?—A chimney sweep.

2817. Where does he live?—I do not know where he lives.

2818. Then there is Roberts 3*l*.; who is Mr. Roberts?—I do not know, it was paid through some person, but I could not say who it was.

2819. Then there is Roberts again with the name of Cox before it, which I suppose means that you paid it through Cox?—Yes, it must be so, because the names are generally put down of those who paid them.

2820. Abbott 5*l*.?—Yes.

2821. Pettit 4*l*.?—That is another Pettit.

2822. There are two Pettit's are there?—Yes.

2823. Woodland 15*l*. I cannot make out what sum he

received except it is 16*l.* 5*s.* Woodman is down for 15*l.* 8*s.*, and here he is down for 16*l.* 5*s.*?—When Mr. Edwards asked me the amount I could not tell him. I told him it was 15*l.* or 16*l.* or something of that sort, but the real amount is 16*l.* 5*s.* I do not know whether he had anything extra, he only had 16*l.* 5*s.* from me.

2824. Those are the amounts are they that make up the 35*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*?—There might be a little left. I might have made a mistake in the hurry of the moment.

2825. I should be very glad if you could give me Mr. Bishop's address to whom you gave 12*l.*?—I can ascertain it.

2826. Do you know whereabouts he lives because one can then find him on the register?—I do not know where he lives, Kent Terrace they tell me.

EDWARD THOMAS ROSE sworn and examined.

1832. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A tailor and draper.

2833. In Deal?—At Walmer.

2834. An account was handed in on the petition which was tried before the judges, which shows an amount of 306*l.* expended by you on the election?—Yes.

2835. That is correct?—Yes, that is correct.

2836. Did you spend all the money yourself?—Yes, and people acting with me. I have their names here if you wish to know them, and the different items in that book.

2837. We will go into the items directly, but did you give those people the money to spend which you did not spend yourself?—Yes.

2838. Who did you receive the money from?—Mr. Edwards.

2839. When?—At different times during the week. 50*l.* a day, generally.

2840. For a week up to the election?—From the beginning up to the day of the election.

2841. Besides that 306*l.* which you say you received from Mr. Edwards, did you receive any other sum from him?—Yes; altogether 640*l.*

2842. Can you give me the dates of the receipt by you of the different sums from Mr. Edwards?—The first, 306*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, I received up to the day of election.

2843. But you received that by instalments?—Yes.

2844. Can you give me the dates on which you received it?—No, I cannot give you the dates, but it was during the week this 306*l.*, in fact there was a little over, which was balanced by an after payment. Mr. Edwards used generally to bring 50*l.* at a time.

2845. Day by day?—Day by day.

2846. Did you receive the 306*l.* in sums of 50*l.* day by day?—Six days before the election.

2847. 50*l.* a day?—About 50*l.* a day.

2848. When did you receive the balance of the 640*l.*?—About a fortnight after the election, from Mr. Edwards.

2849. As you received the 50*l.* day by day, did you spend it day by day?—I spent it day by day, as you will see marked on that list.

2850. How did you receive the money?—In gold.

2851. All of it?—All of it.

2852. Even that after the election?—Yes, all in gold.

2853. (*Mr. Hall.*) Can you give the different items and the amounts you received?—After the election?

2854. No, from the beginning to the end?—I cannot give the items for every day, but I had some every day.

2855. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you have the whole 50*l.* a day in gold?—Yes.

2856. Who brought it to you?—Mr. Edwards.

2857. He brought it himself?—Yes.

2858. To Walmer where you live?—Yes.

2859. Then this account which was used at the trial, correctly represents the payments which you made to make that 306*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*?—Yes.

2860. Have you receipts for the payments which you made?—No, I have not, except one or two for committee rooms, or out-voters travelling expenses. I have no receipts for the little items you see in that account.

2861. Some of them are large items. For instance, I see there is altogether a sum of 65*l.* 19*s.* for poles?—Yes.

2827. I see these make a total of 1,196*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, and that was about the sum that you received was it from Mr. Edwards?—No, I did not receive quite so much as that, but that bill of Woodman's makes it come to that amount.

2828. Do you remember in about how many payments you received the money from Mr. Edwards?—Two or three, not many.

2829. All in gold?—All in gold, we never have notes in those times.

2830. Does the money which you received the week before from Mr. Edwards make up the whole of the money that you received during this election?—Yes.

2831. And you have told me, have you, all the payments that you made?—Yes, all I know about it.

(Adjourned for a short time.)

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2862. Have you no receipts for those?—No. I have the men's names who I paid the money to.

2863. Will you give us their names?—Mercer, Norris—

2864. (*Mr. Holl.*) Can you give us how much to each at the same time?—It was put down day by day as the poles were erected. I see 17*l.* 2*s.* in one lump which Mercer received, then Norris 10*l.* 4*s.*

2865. (*Mr. Turner.*) Who is Mercer?—He is one of the boatmen.

2866. You got no acknowledgment from any of these men?—No. Pearson who assisted me, said so much money is required for poles to-day. I handed it to him. He gave it to the men, and they shared it among themselves.

2867. I see there are two items for ribbon and twill, 24*l.* 11*s.*, and 27*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* You bought them at a shop in your place, I suppose?—Yes, I supplied those myself. They were bought here.

2868. Can you give us any notion of the quantity of blue ribbon and twill which you supplied?—A very great deal altogether, for making a display in Walmer.

2869. For Walmer alone these were used?—Yes.

2870. 59*l.*?—51*l.*

2871. But there is another item of 3*l.*, and another 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, besides those two large items?—Yes, I think that is correct.

2872. That is a very large item?—There was a great deal of ribbon made up into rosettes and flags, which were flying all over the place. The boats were dressed with flags and colours. I think we had about 40 flag-poles, and they were all dressed with flags.

2873. I suppose at election times a little is put on the price?—No, they are supplied at my ordinary rate of profit; no extra put on whatever.

2874. There is an item of 21*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* for making these things?—Yes; different people were employed to make the ribbon up into bows.

2875. By you?—No, by some of the boatmen, their wives and daughters; and I have the initials here of the men who I paid the money to.

2876. Then we come to an item, the boat regatta 25*l.* Now do explain that?—A regatta was proposed a day or two previous to the election, and 25*l.* was to be devoted towards it.

2877. Who proposed the regatta?—It was suggested by some people at Walmer. I mentioned it to Mr. Edwards, and he consented to it; but being a very rough day they had a blue boat, and people dressed up in blue perambulated the town and place instead of having the regatta. It was put down as regatta, but there really was no regatta.

2878. What was the object of it?—Merely for display, that is all.

2879. Then, crew of the boat "Petrel" 29*l.* 2*s.*?—That was another thing we brought before Mr. Edwards. They were four Liberal voters away at sea, and he said he thought they had better be telegraphed for to come home. A telegraph message went to Salcombe, they were ordered to start and get as far this way as possible, and take the rail for the rest of the distance and get home. They got as far as Portsmouth, they came from Portsmouth here, and returned to Portsmouth to their boat. The expenses of that came to 29*l.* as you see here. Mr. Edwards sanctioned that I should telegraph for them. They were to come as far home as they could, but they found they could not get here in time, and they had to leave their boat at Portsmouth.

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2880. (*Mr. Holl.*) They came by boat as far as Portsmouth?—Yes.

2881. Then they came by rail and went back?—Yes.

2882. (*Mr. Turner.*) Have you had any particulars of how that 29l. is made up?—It was paid to Henry Axon.

2883. Who is he?—One of the crew.

2884. Did he give you any particulars of the account of 29l.?—No, it was arranged by Pearson, the man who was assisting, I gave the money to him, and he gave it to Axon.

2885. He told you it was 29l.?—He told Mr. Edwards what the expense was likely to be, and he said, "Well then you had better get the men up." So we telegraphed for them.

2886. (*Mr. Holl.*) How far is it from Salcombe to Portsmouth?—I do not know. There was an easterly head wind blowing hard at the time, and they could not get far.

2887. How far is it from Salcombe to Portsmouth?—I do not know. It is a matter of 80 or 100 miles. I do not know the distance.

2888. Then they came up from Portsmouth by rail?—Yes.

2889. (*Mr. Turner.*) Then there is an item for assistant messengers and board boys amounting to 71l. 3s. 6d. altogether. That seems a large sum?—Yes, it is a very large sum. There were a great number of boys employed.

2890. Whose sons were they?—Boatmen.

2891. Sons of voters?—Voters and non-voters, indiscriminately, a large number of boys were employed.

2892. What did they get a day?—I think about 2s. 6d. or 3s. according to their age.

2893. Do you mean to say they were all actually employed?—They were employed every day.

2894. How many days?—About 8 or 9.

2895. How long were the messengers employed for?—Some were employed eight days.

2896. Four of them?—Four were employed eight days each, and others occasionally.

2897. What would they be wanted eight days for?—Every day while the election was going on I had four regular messengers at the committee room at Walmer.

2898. You had four messengers each day at the committee room?—Yes, in attendance every day.

2899. What did they get?—5s. a day.

2900. That is 1l. a day, that would be 8l. for the eight days?—I have got it more in detail here in my list.

2901. Have you received the whole of this 306l.?—The whole of it.

2902. From whom?—Mr. Edwards.

2903. That is the 50l. per day that you spoke of?—Yes, about 50l. per day.

2904. (*Mr. Holl.*) How much did you get before the election?—360l., it was rather more than that. A fortnight after the election the canvassers were paid. Mr. Edwards wanted to know how much I had in hand, I told him, and he gave me sufficient to pay the canvassers.

2905. How much did you have before or after the election day?—I think I had about 12l. in hand on the election night.

2906. Out of what?—Out of the amounts I received from Mr. Edwards.

2907. How much was that?—The account came to 306l. 6s. 8d., but other things were to follow. The canvassers were to be paid.

2908. How much money had you received from Mr. Edwards up to the time of the election?—About 320l.

2909. You had received that amount up to that time?—Yes.

2910. You received that in gold?—Yes, in gold.

2911. Did Mr. Edwards appoint you to act?—Yes, he asked me to do what I could in the correspondence and keeping the accounts at Walmer for him.

2912. You did more than that, you had to manage the expenditure of this money, did you not?—For Walmer.

2913. Did he ask you to act as agent?—Yes, he and Mr. Emmerson of Sandwich together.

2914. He asked you whether you would act for Walmer?—He asked me whether I would act for Walmer.

2915. What sort of authority did he give you to act?—He said I was to do what was necessary; he saw me every day, and I reported to him.

2916. Did he leave it to your discretion, or did he tell you what to do with regard to getting poles, flags, and all these things?—Not altogether; he was aware of what was being done; every day he went through my accounts and saw what was doing.

2917. He knew what you were ordering in the way of flags, poles, and so on?—Yes, he knew.

2918. (*Mr. Turner.*) I see in your items here Major Jones, expenses 3l. 10s. What does that mean?—He is an out-voter. He came down from London to vote.

2919. (*Mr. Holl.*) You say you received 320l. about the time of the election?—Yes.

2920. You received the other 340l. subsequently?—To balance; to make up the 640l.

2921. You received 320l. afterwards?—I had a small balance in hand after the day of the election.

2922. And then you received 320l. more?—I received a balance to make up 340l.

2923. That is 320l. more?—Yes.

2924. (*Mr. Turner.*) What did you do with that?—Mr. Minter had 129l. He had the Upper Walmer part of the parish to attend to.

2925. This was after the election?—About a fortnight after.

2926. Mr. Minter had 129l.?—Yes.

2927. What for?—He will tell you. I do not know exactly how he spent it.

2928. That leaves 211l. for you?—I have others as well.

2929. We want to know what you did with that 320l.?—Henry Pearson, 27l. 15s.; William Bullen, 19l. 10s.; Stephen Haile, 6l.; William Norris, 6l.; David Henry Axon, 23l. 10s.; William Trigg, 21l. 10s.; Mr. Trollope, 13l.; Mr. Miller, 9l.; Mr. Huson, 18l.; and Hookham, on account of painting flags, 10l. 11s.; Castle, for bill posting, 3l. 5s.; Bullen and Norris, expenses to Ramsgate and Dover, 30s.

2930. Is that all?—Except this—there is making 15 flags, 3l. 7s. 6d.; the white drill and calico for heading them, 1l. 3s.; and petty expenses, 4l. 11s. 10d.—that completes it.

2931. Had you any acknowledgments from these people to whom you paid those moneys?—No, I took no receipt for them.

2932. Some of them had large sums?—Yes.

2933. What did they want it for?—I believe the main part of it was to be spent among the voters.

2934. After the election?—After the election.

2935. Had they been promised money before the election?—I believe they had been promised beforehand, and this was to pay the promises.

2936. Who had promised it to them, you?—No, these different men.

2937. Did Mr. Edwards know that that was the object for which that money was to be applied?—Yes, I told him there would be money required for that purpose.

2938. To pay the voters promised before the election?—Yes, he told me that could not be advanced until after the election was over; that we must risk that.

2939. Except those items which you have spoken of for flags and so on, all that money was to pay voters who had been promised before the election?—Yes, each man may have had some little expenses. I do not know how they spent their money.

2940. That is what you gave them?—Yes, and I have no doubt that is what it was for.

2941. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you have any account; the items altogether for poles amount to 65l. 19s.; poles, 17l. 5s.; who did you pay that to?—That was paid to Mercer.

2942. Is he a boatman?—He is a boatman.

2943. Did you have any account or any particulars from him of the poles he had supplied for that 17l. 5s.?—Pearson, who assisted me, said the demand they made for putting up a certain number of poles was correct.

2944. Did you have any particulars or account in writing?—No, nothing.

2945. All you had was a statement from Pearson that that was correct?—Yes.

2946. Is Pearson a boatman?—Yes.

2947. Whom you employed?—He assisted me.

2948. And you relied upon his statement that that was correct?—Yes.

2949. Do you know yourself how the money was spent?—Yes.

2950. Where were the poles erected?—All along the beach at Walmer.

2951. How many poles do you think were erected there by Mercer, because this is only one item?—They were paid about 25s. to 30s. a pole; that is the price of putting them up.

2952. What is the height of these poles?—40 or 50 feet some of them.

2953. Fifty feet?—Fifty feet some of them; they were as high as they could get them; I should think all of them were 50 feet, and some of them not more than 50 feet high.

2954. There are a number of other items?—Who was the 10*l.* 4*s.* paid to?—Norris.

2955. Who was the 12*l.* paid to?—Cushney.

2956. Who was the 20*l.* paid to?—Minter.

2957. There is another 5*l.* besides, which comes to 65*l.* 19*s.* altogether. How many poles, do you say, were erected altogether for that 60*l.*?—I do not know the number exactly, but I should think all over the parish there were at least 40.

2958. You believe there were 40 at 30*s.* apiece?—Some 25*s.*

2959. You do not know how many men were employed in erecting them, I suppose?—No, I do not indeed.

2960. You took Pearson's statement?—I took Pearson's statement.

2961. (*Mr. Turner.*) Have you acted at previous elections?—No.

2962. What is the object of erecting such quantities of poles and colours; is it to distribute money?—No, it is just a display of colour; it has been a customary thing in this borough.

2963. Is the real object the display of colour, or is it that it distributes money about the place among the friends of the cause?—I think it is both ways; to display colours and for the friends of the cause as well.

2964. And I may take it that it is the same with regard to the ribbon, 59*l.*; it is partly for display and partly because you want it to distribute money among the friends of the cause?—Yes.

2965. I see there are two bills, one for 24*l.* 11*s.*, and one for 27*l.*; who were those things supplied by?—I supplied them personally.

2966. Have you the amount which was supplied?—I went to Bradbury's, in London, for the goods at the time.

2967. It is for twill supplied at the time?—Blue twill and ribbon together.

2968. Those two items amount to 52*l.*; it seems an immense sum for ribbon. What quantity was there?—I should think at least 500 yards of blue twill.

2969. How much is that a yard?—1*s.*

2970. That is 25*l.*?—I cannot tell you how many rolls of ribbon and glazed lining there were; that was a common kind. I cannot tell you exactly how many pieces of that we had.

2971. Is this common twill as much as 1*s.* a yard on any other occasion?—Yes.

2972. 500 yards?—About 500 yards.

2973. 500 yards you had down; was that all used?—Every bit.

2974. (*Mr. Turner.*) What became of it after the election?—We kept it on the boats and it blew away; it disappeared after the election. I do not know what became of it.

2975. (*Mr. Holl.*) Now, with regard to the regatta and this sum of 25*l.*, who did you give that to; who was the man to receive the money?—Mercer.

2976. I suppose all these people, Cushney, Minter, Norris and Mercer are voters?—All voters.

2977. Was any of that money distributed to voters in consideration for their votes, or was it all spent upon the poles?—Several of the men were engaged in these blue boats.

2978. With regard to the poles, were the men employed by Mercer, Norris, Minter, or Cushney, and were they voters?—I believe they were voters and non-voters for that sort of work; they were not all voters, but they were mixed up; voters and non-voters.

2979. The majority of them were voters?—I think it most likely.

2980. With regard to this boat, as to which you say you paid 25*l.*, who did you pay that to?—Mercer.

2981. He named a boat with how many men?—I do not know how many men, but he will tell you that himself.

2982. You saw this boat dressed up with blue?—I did see the boat.

2983. How many men were there in her; six, or eight, or ten?—I do not know who were mixed up at all with them; perhaps there were 12 or 15. I cannot tell you the particulars about that.

2984. (*Mr. Turner.*) What is Mercer's christian name?—Joseph.

2985. Is his address at Walmer?—Yes.

2986. Is he a boatman or a pilot?—A boatman.

2987. Is he an owner of boats?—I think he is an owner of one or two small boats.

2988. How came you to employ him?—Pearson employed him; I did not employ him particularly.

2989. Pearson is a boatman too?—Yes.

2990. (*Mr. Holl.*) You cannot tell me how many men were in this boat?—No, perhaps there were eight or ten in that boat, and, perhaps, some of the other people acted that had some of the money.

2991. What could you want to have 25*l.* paid among 10 men for having a boat rowed up and down for?—It was sanctioned.

2992. They were all voters?—Yes, the majority of them at any rate.

2993. As to the 29*l.* 2*s.*; they came from Salcombe to Portsmouth?—They had to leave their boat and loose time; that was considered.

2994. What were they doing?—Piloting to go down to the westward.

2995. This was a payment to them for loss of time?—Loss of time, expenses, and going back to Portsmouth, coming from Portsmouth and going back.

2996. Not a quarter of this could have been their expenses of coming up from Portsmouth and going back?—Part of it was really for loss of time.

2997. You say they came and voted, and had this sum of 29*l.*?—Their expenses would be paid.

2998. What did they satisfy you that they had really incurred?—It was estimated by the people at Walmer what would satisfy them, and I think the message went on to state that if they came their expenses and loss of time would be paid.

2999. You were authorised to pay their expenses and loss of time; did you mention any sum?—No, no sum.

3000. Did you take any trouble to ascertain what their expenses were?—Yes.

3001. There were four men, were there not?—Yes.

3002. What would be their railway fares from Portsmouth and back, 1*l.* each?—I do not know exactly what the fare is.

3003. That would be about it; that would be 4*l.* out of the 29*l.*?—Yes.

3004. What is the other 25*l.* for?—That was divided between them in a way as if they had been on the ground, and had earned their money.

3005. That is all the account you can give; you say this 25*l.* was paid really for loss of time; was it not really paid to them for coming to vote?—No, it was not.

3006. (*Mr. Jeune.*) They only lost a day, I suppose?—Yes; when they left Salcombe, I think they were three or four days working up to Portsmouth with a head wind, and I think they were about a week altogether away from their boat.

3007. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you mean from Portsmouth here?—No, when they started from Salcombe.

3008. They worked up in their boat from Salcombe to Portsmouth?—Yes, but I think they were three or four days doing that, I think the wind was easterly at the time; there was a head wind, and they could not make any progress.

3009. 7*l.* 5*s.* it is each?—I think it is somewhere about that.

3010. Taking those figures, 4*l.* for coming from Portsmouth here, and 6*l.* 5*s.* each man for the time he stayed here, that is more than 1*l.* a head you gave them?—Yes, that is what they had.

3011. How many canvassers did you have, and how many messengers; first of all, how many canvassers?—Eleven.

3012. For Walmer?—Yes.

3013. You had volunteer canvassers, had you not?—Yes, they volunteered their services.

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3014. When I called them volunteer, I mean men who were not paid?—No, not one.

3015. You had no volunteer canvassers?—No.

3016. Where there no tradespeople or leading gentry to act as volunteer canvassers?—No, no one took the slightest interest in it at Walmer.

3017. You had 11 paid canvassers?—Yes, 11 were paid; they at these several amounts of money.

3018. Did the 11 do anything; did the whole 11 do anything?—The whole 11 took districts, and each man took his own district.

3019. It is a constituency of 300 odd?—Yes.

3020. How could you require 11 canvassers to canvass a place a mile long, with 300 electors?—Those men could only undertake to do certain portions of the parish.

3021. They were all voters, I presume?—Yes.

3022. All the canvassers were voters?—Yes.

3023. Was not this really a way of paying them for their votes; was it not an employment to secure their votes?—No, not a bit.

3024. How could you want 11 canvassers to canvass a place one mile long, and principally consisting of one street?—It is a much larger place than that; it is nearly two miles from one end of the parish to the other. The canvassers can tell you better what they did with the money, because I do not know what they did with it.

3025. They put it into their pockets, of course, but what I want to know is how could you have paid 11 canvassers to canvass a place of the size of Walmer, with only 300 electors; it is a canvasser to every 25 electors. If you divide a mile and a half by 11, there would be a very small place for each of them to walk over and canvass?—It is not only one straight street you see.

3026. The main part of it lies pretty well together; there is Upper Walmer, no doubt, but it is only a small district?—Those men volunteered to take certain districts. I did not appoint them to any district.

3027. They volunteered their services for the sake of being paid?—I do not know whether they had any portion of this money for expenses.

3028. What did you pay to each?—Those are the amounts of money I gave to each of them.

3029. Minter, 129l. ?—Yes.

3030. In your account which you delivered of 306l. there is a sum of 71l. for assistants, messengers, canvassers, and boys?—Yes, that is quite right.

3031. How much did you pay the canvassers for canvassing; was any price agreed?—No, there was no price agreed at all.

3032. Is there any charge for canvassers in this account of 306l. ?—No.

3033. That does not include the canvassers?—No.

3034. What were the assistants?—They assisted in painting the flags, and various things.

3035. How many of those people had you?—I cannot tell you the number. The amount of money for assistants I paid to Henry Pearson.

3036. Were the people who acted as assistants voters?—Not all of them. I think they were mostly the sons of voters.

3037. That was an employment of sons of voters?—Yes.

3038. How many messengers had you?—Four regular messengers for eight days, and then we had messengers for odd days.

3039. Did you have them for eight days?—Yes.

3040. How much did you pay them a day?—5s.

3041. Were they voters?—No, none of them.

3042. Sons of voters?—Yes.

3043. And, I suppose, with regard to the board boys they were sons of voters?—Yes, they were all voters' boys.

3044. They got in eight days 71l. 3s. 6d. ?—Yes, altogether.

3045. How many were employed altogether?—I have not the slightest idea.

3046. What were the watchmen, 5l. 10s. 6d. ?—Looking after the flag poles at night to see that no one cut the rigging down.

3047. You spent 150l. in erecting flags and poles, and you spent 6l. more to watch them?—Yes.

3048. You say that you paid after the election a number of expenses to Pearson, Minter, and Axon?—Yes.

3049. This 306l., I understand, you have actually paid?—Yes, I paid 640l. altogether.

3050. Take the 306l. first, you paid the whole of that?—Yes.

3051. (Mr. Jeune.) Every one of the items in this account which has been handed in has been paid, and paid by you?—Yes.

3052. (Mr. Holl.) Then after the election you say you paid other items?—Yes, Minter, 129l., Henry Pearson, 27l. 15s.

3053. Who is Minter?—The landlord of "The Drum," in Walmer.

3054. What was this paid to him for?—He expended that amount in Walmer. I do not know in what way. It was in Upper Walmer.

3055. He told you that?—Yes, that what he asked for after the election.

3056. Did he say that he had spent that amount of money in Upper Walmer?—Yes.

3057. He asked for 129l., and you paid it?—Yes.

3058. Did you make any enquiry to ascertain how he had spent it?—I was satisfied that it was spent mainly amongst voters.

3059. That is in paying people for their votes; promises made for their votes?—Yes, I believe so.

3060. He told you that?—Yes, he told me that money would be required.

3061. He told you beforehand that money would be required?—Yes.

3062. For paying voters?—He said that he should have to make promises to voters.

3063. And afterwards he told you that he had paid money to the amount of 129l. ?—He said he wanted 129l. to pay his promises and his expenses.

3064. And you gave him that sum?—Yes.

3065. Did he give you any list of the people he had promised to pay, or had paid?—No. I believe he has got a list himself.

3066. What was he?—A publican.

3067. Then Henry Pearson, 27l. 15s.; was that given to him for the same purpose?—Yes, for the same purpose.

3068. He told you beforehand he wanted money to pay his voters, and after the election he told you he wanted 27l. 15s. to pay them, and you gave it to him?—Yes.

3069. Did he give you a list?—No.

3070. Has he got a list?—I think he has. I think they all have lists.

3071. Then "W. Bullen, 19l. 10s.," was that in the same way?—Yes.

3072. "Hoile, 6l.," is that the same?—Yes.

3073. "W. Norris, 6l.,"?—Yes.

3074. "D. Axon, 23l. 10s.; W. Trigg, 21l. 10s.; S. Pearson, 35l. 10s.; Trollope, 13l.; Miller, 9l.; Huson, 18l. ?—Yes, they are all the same.

3075. And you think they have all lists?—Yes, they all have lists.

3076. Then the next is for painting flags. "Hookham, 10l. 11s.," what is that?—All the flags were lettered with different mottoes. It is printing really different mottoes on flags.

3077. Hookham is a voter?—Yes.

3078. Then there is "Castle, bill posting, 3l. 5s.," what is that?—That is for distributing bills.

3079. Then "Bullen and Norris, expenses to Dover and Ramsgate, 1l. 10s.," what is that?—They went to look after some men who were fishing, and they did not know whether they were at Ramsgate or Dover.

3080. Then "Making 15 flags, 3l. 7s. 6d.," who did you pay that to?—That was done in my shop.

3081. Then "White drill and calico for flag headings, 1l. 3s.," that, I suppose, you supplied?—Yes.

3082. Then at Deal there is "Trollope, 25l. ?—Yes.

3083. Was that money that you had been told would be required for paying the voters?—Yes.

3084. In the same way as the other sums you first mentioned?—Yes.

3085. After the election Trollope told you that he wanted 25l. to pay his voters?—Yes.

3086. And the same with regard to Bailey, Pearson, and D. Axon?—Yes, that was for Deal.

3087. Have you paid all this 680l. ?—Yes.

3088. You are 40l. out of pocket?—No; the 40l. for

Deal I kept separate. 640*l* I had for Walmer, and the other 40*l*. was for Deal.

3089. Paid to men belonging to Deal?—Yes.

3090. You had that 40*l*. for Deal?—Yes.

3091. Where did you get the money?—From Mr. Edwards.

3092. Did you get the 40*l*. for Deal from Mr. Edwards also?—Yes.

3093. In point of fact altogether, poles and flags, came to 70*l*. or 80*l*.?—Yes.

3094. Have you received any other moneys whatever in connexion with the election beyond this 680*l*.?—No, nothing whatever.

3095. Have you paid anything at all, excepting what is down in your original account of 306*l*. or in this paper?—No, not a farthing.

3096. Have you any written claims for these amounts that are down here?—They are all paid.

3097. I know; but did you have any account sent in to you?—No, only verbal demands.

3098. Have you got receipts for any of the sums?—No, none.

3099. You did not take any?—No.

3100. You did not ask for any?—No, I did not ask for any.

3101. You merely kept on paper an account yourself of what was claimed from you, and all that was claimed was paid?—Yes, all that was claimed I paid. I was satisfied they were right.

3102. You paid it without any receipt being taken?—Yes, I paid it without any receipt.

3103. Was all the 306*l*. that you paid paid for these things as here represented?—Yes.

3104. And to the people whose names are here?—Yes, I handed the money to the people whose names you have there.

3105. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You knew, I suppose, before the election that promises of money were being made?—Yes.

3106. When did you first know that such promises were being made, was it before the election?—About three or four days before the election the canvassers told me that money would be required.

3107. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Edwards about that?—Yes, I told him.

3108. You told Mr. Edwards that money would be required?—Yes.

3109. And Mr. Edwards told you that it would be forthcoming?—He said that nothing of that kind would be paid before the election, and whatever was done in the way of promises would be paid afterwards, and I had it about a fortnight after the election was over.

3110. About a fortnight after the election you went to Mr. Edwards and got money?—No, Mr. Edwards brought it to me.

3111. How did Mr. Edwards know what to bring?—I gave him a list of the claims two or three days after the election.

3112. You sent a list to Mr. Edwards, and he came to you and brought the money?—Yes, a fortnight after the election he came, and brought the money to me according to those lists.

3113. You did not get any money from Mr. Edwards before the election upon the Monday?—No.

3114. Did you know that money was being given out by Mr. Edwards upon that day?—No, I did not know anything of the kind.

3115. I suppose you saw Sir Julian Goldsmid about from time to time?—I saw him twice for a few minutes during the election.

3116. Did you have any conversation with him?—No.

3117. Not about money at all?—No, nothing.

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3118. (*Mr. Holl.*) You acted as agent for Sir Julian Goldsmid at Deal and Walmer?—Yes.

3119. When did you first have any communication with him?—When Mr. Emmerson brought him down from London; I think I never saw or heard of him before.

3120. Was that the evening of Monday the 10th?—It was the day he came to Deal.

3121. Was it Monday the 10th he came?—I cannot say; it was the day he came to Deal.

3122. You do not know which day it was?—No.

3123. Have you any memorandum or diary that you can refer to to see the day he came?—No.

3124. Whatever day it was that he came to Deal first, that was the day you saw him?—Yes, I met him at Sandwich, in the train with Mr. Emmerson, who was there with him.

3125. Had you gone over to Sandwich to meet him?—I had been over to Sandwich so often to members, or candidates rather, that I cannot say; I think he was expected, and I went over for the purpose.

3126. Did you have any conversation with him there?—Only coming along in the train.

3127. Did you get into the train at Sandwich and come on to Deal?—Yes.

3128. Had you had any communication with him previously?—No, none whatever.

3129. What was the substance of your conversation with him on your way here?—It was in reference to the coming election, and whether there was any chance of success.

3130. Tell us what passed between you; give me shortly the substance of it?—It is a very difficult matter now to recollect, because it is so many months ago; there was nothing of any importance.

3131. Did he ask you your opinion as to the chances of his success, and so forth?—It is very likely he might have done, and I had a very good opinion of it.

3132. Do you remember whether you said anything to him about that?—I do not know whether I did at that time, but I have since because I thought there was a very good chance of success.

3133. Did anything pass between you as regards money matters, or the amount that would be required to be spent in the borough?—No, not at that time.

3134. You had no communication with him by letter previously to this?—No, none; Mr. Emmerson I think had.

3135. When he came to Deal did you have any further conversation with him on the subject?—Yes, upon several occasions.

3136. You were appointed as his agent?—He considered me as his agent, I never had any appointment.

3137. After that did you have any conversation with him with regard to the prospects of success, and the probable expense that would be required in the election?—Not as regards amount.

3138. Did anything pass between you as regards the amount that would be required to be spent to fight the borough?—No, I do not think I ever spoke to him upon the subject. I told him that money would be wanted, and that it was always usual to have the money down, but with him I said it was not of much consequence because we could trust him. I had always understood that there was a good lump sum deposited to answer expenses.

3139. Did you tell him that?—Yes, certainly, and he said it was contrary to all he had ever done before, he said he had never paid anything beforehand.

3140. You told him it was usual to deposit a large sum to meet expenses?—Yes, in this place.

3141. And he said that it was contrary to what he had been expected to do, and that he had never done anything of the kind before?—Yes, he said he had never paid anything until after the election.

3142. Did he say whether he would or would not do it?—No, he did not say that. First of all I had a cheque for 200*l*. I think.

3143. Did anything more pass between you and him in regard to money matters at that time?—No, nothing.

3144. Was this upon the day of his arrival here?—Oh dear no! I cannot say the day.

3145. When did you first have any conversation with him about money matters?—I really cannot fix the day, it would be between the time he came and the Sunday, but I cannot fix the day.

3146. You would have some conversation with him about the expenses of the election, and so forth, soon after his arrival?—Yes, but I cannot say when.

3147. It would be soon after his arrival?—Very likely. I must have had some conversation when asking for the 200*l*.

3148. When did you get the cheque for 200*l*.?—I see from my pass book that I paid a cheque for 200*l*. into

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the bank upon May 11th, but I do not know what day of the week that was.

3149. That is Tuesday the 11th, and the election was upon Tuesday the 18th?—I received 200*l.* on account on that day.

3150. We heard that Sir Julian Goldsmid came upon Monday the 10th in the afternoon?—Yes, that would be the day I met him.

3151. And you got a cheque for 200*l.* upon the following day?—Yes.

3152. Was that a cheque upon his London bankers?—Yes, I think it was; I took gold out the same day from the bank here. Then I had another cheque from him for 320*l.*, which I see was paid into the bank upon the 15th. I have two cheques here for 320*l.*, but one was my own cheque.

3153. You do not know the date of the cheque for 320*l.*?—No; I had 300*l.* out the same day.

3154. You probably received that cheque upon the 14th or 15th?—I think so. I see upon the 12th I had 320*l.*, and upon the 15th 320*l.*, but one was my own cheque, and had nothing to do with Sir Julian Goldsmid. I am almost certain that Sir Julian's cheque was paid in upon the 15th.

3155. One of the cheques was your own private cheque, one of the cheques for 320*l.*?—Yes.

3156. Whether Sir Julian's cheque was the one you paid in upon the 12th, or the one you paid in upon the 15th, you are not certain?—I think I may say I am certain that Sir Julian's cheque was paid in upon the 15th, upon the 12th I drew out 320*l.*, but whether that was Sir Julian's cheque or my own I do not know.

3157. That would render it probable, would it not, if you drew out 320*l.*, upon the 12th, that was the date of Sir Julian's cheque?—No, I think that was my cheque.

3158. Did you draw it out for your own purposes?—No, for the purposes of the election.

3159. Did you open an account for the election?—No, all the money I had I took myself.

3160. And paid into your private account?—Yes. I have my pass book here, and it appears from it that on the 11th May I had 200*l.*, then upon the 12th 320*l.*, and upon the 15th 320*l.*

3161. That was all the money you used in the election?—Yes.

3162. But one of those cheques for 320*l.* was your own money?—Yes; I drew out 200*l.* upon the 11th, 320*l.* upon the 12th, and 320*l.* upon the 15th. The reason of having the money so sharply was because the Monday before the election was a Bank Holiday, when no money could be got, and of course I did not know what money I should want.

3163. What other sums did you receive?—I received 1,300*l.* at Sandwich.

3164. From whom was that?—I have been told since it was Mr. Foord, but who it was I do not know.

3165. How came you to go to Sandwich?—I was over at Sandwich at Mr. Emmerson's.

3166. Had you gone over with any expectation of receiving this money?—I think I had understood from Mr. Emmerson that he expected somebody. I was over there I think in the morning for some purpose connected with the election, and I think he said, "Perhaps somebody would be calling," and this gentleman came I believe by the train.

3167. With money for the election?—Yes, with money for the election.

3168. And you went there in consequence?—I was over there.

3169. Did you stay there?—Yes, I think I stayed there.

3170. Upon what day was that?—That was upon the Friday. You may perhaps wonder how I can fix the day, but let me say this; one of the newspapers states that Mr. Emmerson said it was the day before the election, and I am quite certain it was not; and yesterday I made inquiries to ascertain the exact day, and how I ascertained it was this; I drove from Sandwich with the money to Deal, and I saw my driver, and he informed me that the day I was over there, and he took me from Sandwich, was upon the Friday, which was exactly according to my impression. If Mr. Emmerson stated that it was the day before the election, he is mistaken, because I am quite sure it was not the day before the election.

3171. You say you are strengthened in that impression by the inquiries you have made, and you have ascertained

it was upon the Friday that you received the 1,300*l.*?—Yes.

3172. Where did you see Mr. Foord?—At Mr. Emmerson's.

3173. When Mr. Foord came in, tell us what took place; what did he say?—He said very little; he said he had brought 1,500*l.* for the election.

3174. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Mr. Emmerson, in his evidence, stated also that it was upon the Friday that you had the 1,300*l.*?—I saw it in the paper that Mr. Emmerson stated it was the day before the election, and I wish to correct it, because I am quite sure it was not the day before the election.

3175. (*Mr. Holl.*) You say that Mr. Foord said nothing, or very little?—I do not recollect his saying but very little; I think he said that the friends of Sir Julian Goldsmid had sent the money; I think he said something about Sir Julian's friends having supplied the money for the election, and that Sir Julian had very great objection to paying money before the election was decided.

3176. I must ask you to remember as accurately as you can exactly what was said?—No, I cannot remember it; he wanted me to count the money, but that I declined to do; I know that for one thing. Sir Julian had told me in the conversation I had with him, which I have referred to, his great objection to paying money before hand; that he had never done so, and did not wish to do so.

3177. What did Mr. Foord say to you, as nearly as you can recollect?—I must repeat what I just now said; he said he had brought 1,500*l.* for Sir Julian's election.

3178. Do you remember from whom he said he had got it; who had sent it?—Friends of Sir Julian's, I think he said; I think he was one of them, but who he was I did not know, nor do I know now, except that I have been informed it was a Mr. Foord.

3179. He said that friends of Sir Julian's had sent the money for the election, but he did not tell you who they were?—No; no names were mentioned, nor was his own name mentioned.

3180. He did not mention his name at that time?—No, not to me, nor did I ask.

3181. You have since heard that it was a Mr. Foord?—Yes, of Rochester or Chatham.

3182. Who did you hear it from?—I think it was Mr. Lewis.

3183. Mr. George Lewis?—Yes; it might have been from Mr. Emmerson, but I think it was Mr. Lewis.

3144. Did anything take place between you and Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Foord beyond that?—No, I left.

3185. How long did he remain with you?—I should think not five minutes; I left.

3186. Did he leave before you left?—No, I left to have some luncheon and to order a fly, and I returned and took the money away.

3187. When you returned he was gone?—Yes, I think he was.

3188. I only said he was gone because you said he remained only five minutes?—I only remained about five minutes there; I left.

3189. Do you remember whether he was gone when you came back or not?—I think he was, but I would not be certain.

3190. Did you ever have any further conversation with him whatever in reference to this money?—No, none whatever; the money was made up in the parcel, and I took it to the fly, and took it off.

3191. Was it made up in one parcel?—The money was in bags.

3192. Was the whole of the 1,500*l.* in one bag or parcel?—Several bags.

3193. How did you and Mr. Emmerson divide it?—I do not know whether I did or did not for certain, but I think I said to Mr. Emmerson, "What amount do you want," and he said, "200*l.*," and he took 200*l.*, and of course I took the rest.

3194. He said he wanted 200*l.*?—He said he would take 200*l.*

3195. And you took the rest?—Yes.

3196. Did you know how much the rest consisted of when you took it away?—Only that Mr. Foord told me the bags contained so-and-so, and wanted me to count them, but that I refused to do; I had no wish to do that, and I trusted to his honesty.

3197. You returned back to Deal?—Yes.

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3198. Did anything further take place between you and Mr. Emmerson, or anybody, in regard to this money?—No, nothing. I do not think I mentioned it to anybody after that, except it might be to Sir Julian. I might have said that I had received some money on his account for the election, or, at least, I suppose on his account.

3199. Did you?—Yes, I think I must have said that. I had no reason for not telling him.

3200. Do you remember whether you did tell him, or not?—Yes, I think so, certainly.

3201. That you had received the money?—Yes, the 1,300l.

3202. When and where do you think you told him?—I suppose it would be about the same day, or the next day.

3203. Did you see him upon your return back to Deal?—I did not see him upon that day. I saw him the next morning.

3204. Do you remember whether you did tell him or not?—Yes, I think I did, certainly. I had no reason for keeping it from him.

3205. Can you remember what you told him?—Nothing, except that I had received 1,300l. at Sandwich.

3206. Do you remember where you told him?—I suppose it would be at our central committee room at the "Star and Garter."

3207. You say you suppose?—Because I generally saw him there, and very seldom saw him at any other place.

3208. I do not know whether it is actual recollection, or whether it is merely that you suppose so, because it is the most likely place to have seen him?—Sir Julian Goldamid came every morning, and I saw him every morning there.

3209. And your impression is that you told him there the fact of your having received this 1,300l.?—Yes.

3210. Do I understand that you are sure of that, or is it only an impression?—I may have said, "I received the money at Sandwich," without mentioning the amount.

3211. Can you remember exactly what you did say; there is a difference between having an impression that you would most probably tell him this, and having an actual recollection of the fact of having done it. Is what is passing in your mind that you think you must have done it, or have you an actual recollection of having done it?—It is difficult to remember now, but I think I must have informed him. I do not know why I should not.

3212. You think you must have informed him, because there is no reason for not doing so?—Yes; and especially as always at Deal a large sum has been deposited, as I have understood. It is the first time I have ever had to do with money at elections.

3213. You say that Sir Julian told you he objected to that?—Yes, very much.

3214. Can you remember anything more distinctly, beyond what you have told us in reference to the matter?—No.

3215. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I understand you to say you think you did mention to Sir Julian that this money had come down?—Yes.

3216. Have you any doubt that Sir Julian knew perfectly well that this money had come?—No.

3217. You said that Mr. Foord said something about the friends of Sir Julian sending it. You have no doubt that Sir Julian knew perfectly well about it?—I have no doubt that he knew his friends would supply some money. I should think so, at any rate.

3218. In alluding to the fact of the money having been received, did Sir Julian express any surprise, or anything of that sort?—No, he did not express surprise.

3219. (*Mr. Holl.*) My friend has asked you whether Sir Julian expressed any surprise. Have you any distinct recollection whether you did tell him or not?—I must have told him.

3220. What I mean is this; of course there is a distinction between an impression that you must have told him, because you think there is no reason why you should not, and therefore must have done it, and having an actual positive recollection of the fact of having done so. I should like to know which it is you are speaking from?—I think I said, "The money has come." That was the expression I used, I think.

3221. Do you remember what he said?—No; he did not make any observation upon it.

3222. You do not remember his making any observation about it?—No. I do not think he cared to speak anything about money matters. It was not at all tasteful to his way of conducting an election to find money beforehand.

3223. (*Mr. Jeune.*) That would make it all the more remarkable, would it not, to him, when you called his attention to it, that money should be supplied?—I think, perhaps, that he must have known his friends would supply money.

3224. It must have struck you not exactly as odd, but as a departure from Sir Julian's regular way of conducting elections, that this money should be sent. You must have thought that he had changed his mind, and had sent the money?—Yes; but I think very likely he had his friends to do it, rather than do it himself, because he had a great objection to it, and for aught I know his friends volunteered it. I think Mr. Foord said that his friends had found the money, and not Sir Julian.

3225. Are you clear that afterwards you mentioned it, sometime or another, to Sir Julian, that this money had come?—Yes, I am certain I must have mentioned it.

3226. And you say Sir Julian did not express any surprise, or anything of that kind?—No.

3227. And did not ask you how you got it?—No.

3228. He seemed to understand that the money might have come?—I suppose he did, or he might have asked some question. Whether he really did or not, I cannot say.

3229. (*Mr. Holl.*) I notice in your answer to my friend you said, "I think I must have done." Do you mean to say, positively, you did tell Sir Julian, or is it your impression that you must have done it, because you think you would have done it?—I think I certainly must have told him.

3230. Again you use the expression "I think I must have done it." Do you really remember having done it, or do you mean that you think you would have done it, and therefore must have done it?—Yes, I was going to repeat the word "must," and I dare say I am meaning the same thing as you put to me, and when I say "must" it is the same as if I said I did it. I am not very positive in speaking, though I may mean as much as people who speak more positively.

3231. Do you remember whether he made any observation when you told him?—Not that I recollect. I do not think he said anything about it. As I have said, I do not think he cared to talk about money, I suppose because he had so much.

3232. Did it surprise you that he should make no observation at all about it?—No, because I had previously said that it was only what I expected ought to be done; that is, money forthcoming.

3233. I do not mean whether it surprised you that you got the money, but did it not surprise you that he made no observation in answer when you told him of it?—No, I was not surprised. There was nothing to be surprised at. It was a natural thing to have money.

3234. I am not asking you whether it was natural to have the money, but whether you were surprised, when you told him about it, that he had made no observation?—No, I was not surprised.

3235. (*Mr. Jeune.*) He would have made an observation if he had not known about it before?—Yes, I should think so. I should think he knew the money was forthcoming better than I do, that is to say, incidentally. I do not know that he knew it positively. I had no knowledge of it till I was at Sandwich.

3236. (*Mr. Holl.*) Had you any conversation with him afterwards about this money. I understand you to say, you think you told him the morning after you received it?—Yes.

3237. That would be the Saturday morning?—Yes.

3238. Did you ever have any conversation with him about it afterwards?—No.

3239. You never recurred to the subject again?—No.

3240. Not on any occasion?—Not at all. I never asked him for any money after that.

3241. Did you ever recur to the fact? Did you ever mention to him again the subject of your having received this sum of 1,300l.?—No, never. I do not think I mentioned it to anybody. I did inform him that the money had come, but beyond that I never alluded to it.

3242. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did Mr. Foord tell you his name at that interview?—No.

3243. Did he say who he was?—No.

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3244. You never saw him again after that time?—No, I never saw him again. I think he said he was a friend of Sir Julian's, but who he was I did not ask, and he did not volunteer.

3245. (*Mr. Holl.*) Have you ever heard since anything more than the name?—No, that is all.

3246. And you believe he came from Rochester?—Yes.

3247. Is that all the money that you received in connection with the election?—I received no more money from any other person.

3248. What you received from Sir Julian Goldsmid was 520*l.*, and this 1,300*l.*?—Yes.

3249. Two cheques of 200*l.* and 320*l.*, and this 1,300*l.*?—Yes.

3250. You did not receive any money from anyone (I am not speaking of what you spent yourself) in connection with this election beyond that 1,820*l.*?—Not a penny.

3251. How did you dispose of that amount?—I disposed of the following sums at the election; Mr. Outwin, 1,125*l.*, Cornwall, 297*l.*

3252. Was that paid in gold?—Yes, the whole of it was paid in gold, except Mr. Cornwall's, and I think some of that was in silver, because he had to pay messengers and so on.

3253. What did you pay besides Outwin and Cornwall?—Ramell, 208*l.*, and Rose, 680*l.*; making together 2,310*l.*

3254. Did you disburse or pay directly or indirectly to anyone any sums beyond those?—No.

3255. That leaves a balance in your favour of 490*l.* that you spent over and above what you received?—Yes.

3256. Of this 490*l.*, 300*l.*, you think, you drew it upon the 12th of your own money?—Yes.

3257. And as to the other 200*l.*?—That I had in hand at the time of the election. I paid Hancock, towards carriages, 30*l.*, and that has been returned by the election agent. There were a lot of carriages ordered from Dover, and this man had not the money, and asked me to pay 30*l.* on account, and I did do so. Then there was Hayward, the printer's bill. There was also a Mrs. Jones, a widow here, who had an account for supplying rosettes and ribbons; she very much wanted her money, and I said I could not pay it, because I was out of pocket already, but I said, if she liked, I would lend her 18*l.*, which I did do, and took her I.O.U., and those are the only moneys I paid.

3258. And those have not been repaid to you?—No, I have not been able to get any money from Sir Julian Goldsmid.

3259. At the time you paid this money to Outwin it was not paid in one sum, I presume?—No, I think he had two small sums of 50*l.* and 25*l.* in the committee room, and then 500*l.*, 300*l.*, and 250*l.* The small sums were before and the other sums just upon the night of the election, and day of the election.

3260. 50*l.* and 25*l.* he had previously?—Yes, during the week.

3261. Do you know what he required those sums for upon the night of the election, 500*l.*, 300*l.*, and 250*l.*?—To carry out the election, I suppose, in the best way he could; he gave me no account, only that he wanted some more money.

3262. He told you he wanted so much money for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

3263. Was he more specific than that?—No, not that I know of. I suppose it was well understood, if it was required, it was for illegal purposes.

3264. And you gave it to him?—Yes, I gave it to him.

3265. Of course you knew that the probabilities were that the larger portion of it would be used for illegal purposes?—No, I did not know it, I supposed it. I do not know now that it has been expended in that way. I have never had any account, with the exception of about 50*l.* I have an account here that he gave me of committee rooms.

3266. You have not had an account of the other expenditure?—No, and never asked for it.

3267. Now, with regard to Rose, how did you pay him that sum of 680*l.*?—I paid, I think, upwards of 300*l.* before the election came on from day to day as he wanted money?—If he said he wanted 50*l.* I gave it to him. I think I heard him say that I paid all the money about a fortnight afterwards. I think he is mistaken in that. Two days after the election I think

I called upon him and paid some money, and the rest was paid about a fortnight afterwards. I had had enough of it by the time the election was over, and the day after the election I started away, and when I returned I paid him, because I promised him, although I paid it out of my own pocket.

3268. Do you know how much you paid him before the election?—I have got against Rose 50*l.*, 50*l.*, and 140*l.*, making 240*l.*, and then two others 50*l.*, making 340*l.*; that would be before the 17th.

3269. You say a day or two after the election you think you paid him a small amount?—Yes.

3270. And the rest you paid him 10 days or a fortnight afterwards?—Yes.

3271. With regard to the 340*l.* and the first payments made to Rose, did you give him any instructions how to disburse it, or was it left to his own discretion?—I should like to explain about Walmer; it was considered that I had nothing to do with Walmer, but Mr. Emmerson said it would be convenient if I would just attend at Walmer, and when I saw Mr. Rose I said, "I do not want to interfere with Walmer; you have the entire management, and Mr. Emmerson is the party I look to, but whatever you have done before, and whatever is right, do, but keep the expenses down. Mr. Rose had the entire management, though he used to submit occasionally things to me.

3272. He used to take rooms, and do what he thought necessary, and you gave him instructions to keep the expenses down?—Yes.

3273. In regard to the payments made after the election, were you aware that that was to recoup him moneys that he had expended?—Yes, some of it; some of the money that I paid before and just after, I suppose, went illegally. I have never had any account from him, except the account that was filed, amounting to 306*l.*

3274. You have never had any account beyond that?—No, none.

3275. He came to you and stated that he had expended monies to the amount which he asked you to recoup him?—Yes.

3276. Did he give you any particulars as to how the money had been spent, or did he tell you that it had been expended for the purposes of the election?—He gave no particulars; he used to say he wanted so much for bribery, and I said, I wanted to know nothing about that.

3277. He told you it was to pay certain parties to whom he had made promises?—Yes, quite so. I merely wanted to know the money he wanted, and I did not want to know what he did with it.

3278. You say, having undertaken to pay him what he might expend, you paid him?—Yes, although I was wrong in doing so, inasmuch as Sir Julian Goldsmid said, "Do not pay anything after the election."

3279. Did Sir Julian Goldsmid know anything about your having paid these amounts?—No, I never informed Sir Julian anything about what I paid.

3280. Does the same answer apply to the monies you gave to Outwin?—Yes, certainly, I never mentioned it to Sir Julian.

3281. There is a sum of 297*l.* that you paid to Cornwall, when was that paid to him?—During the progress of the election and immediately afterwards.

3282. Can you tell how much was paid during the progress of the election, and how much afterwards?—It is an awkward thing. I see that I put here in my memorandum "Cornwall and poles, 110*l.*," some would be for Cornwall and some for Ramell.

3283. You paid Cornwall and Ramell altogether 505*l.*?—Yes.

3284. Did you give them instructions to spend that amount according to their judgment?—It was in this way, Cornwall had the management entirely of the committee rooms and he employed clerks, and so on.

3285. Clerks and messengers?—Yes. I have here a list that he gave me, and I think it is very similar to the list returned to the Judges, messengers, &c., 124*l.* 2*s.*; personating agents, guides, clerks, canvassers, poll clerks, 61*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* In the election expenses filed the other day I extracted with regard to Mr. Cornwall certain amounts, because the election agent said, "Do not put in anything that the law does not allow," and therefore I struck out some things.

3286. I am speaking now of the account that he handed in to you and you handed in to the Judges, which amounts to 124*l.* 2*s.* for messengers, and 61*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for personating agents, and so on?—Yes. Then there is

T. C. Hall for out-voters 15*l.*, Pilcher, Canterbury election agent 5*l.*, Bristow, making, and putting up, and taking down flagstaff 2*l.*, Goymer 12*l.*, Woodcock 5*s.*, stamps 5*l.* 10*s.*, petty cash, sundries, 13*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, and Forrester's initiation fee 10*s.* 6*d.*

3287. How is the difference made up between that and the 297*l.* which Cornwall had altogether?—50*l.* was paid to Warner and Watts. Then there is 14*l.*, making altogether 303*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, but I only paid Cornwall 207*l.*, leaving a balance of 6*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

3288. What was the 14*l.*?—That was paid to a Mr. Lownds.

3289. The 50*l.* was for them to distribute, was it not?—I do not know. I think Mr. Warner wanted it at an early part of the election. Warner was about a great deal, and Watts had a committee room I think, and was very active, and Lownds was the man who managed messengers, bill stickers, and all that sort of thing.

3290. Ramell 208*l.*, what was that for?—For poles, and the band I think he paid out of it.

3291. I see "Putting up flag poles 118*l.*, is that at Deal?—Yes.

3292. Prince of Wales's Terrace, putting up pole 25*l.*, could it cost 25*l.* to put up a flagstaff?—I think very likely one of the flagstaffs that you see along the town would cost 50*l.* or 60*l.* It was not merely the putting up, but getting ready and preparing the ropes, and so on. It was a very fine staff, with mainmast and topmast. I am afraid I am guilty in the matter; they were putting up a very fine pole for Roberts upon the Prince of Wales's Terrace, and Sir Julian was a few doors off, and I said, "Oh, dear me, we must have a better one than that," and they brought in a bill of 25*l.*

3293. It seems to the uninitiated a large sum?—I complained myself, and said surely there must be a mistake. I told Sir Julian about it and asked him to give me a guess as to the cost, and he said he had seen it, and he supposed it would cost 4*l.* or 5*l.*, but it amounted to 25*l.* and the money was paid.

3294. Then there are watchers, 11*l.* 15*s.*, I suppose that is to watch the poles?—Yes, and it was quite necessary, because they used to cut the ropes, causing great expense.

3295. Then taking down the flags, 16*l.* 10*s.*?—That was supposed to be a very reasonable item.

3296. How is the difference between that amount and the 208*l.* made up, there is a difference of about 20*l.*, do you know of what that consists?—The band is not returned there.

3297. How much is that?—25*l.*; and the reason why it is not put there is this—Sir Julian had a great objection to a band and said he never had a band in his life. One day he said, "I see you have got a band," upon which I shrugged my shoulders and said I could not help it. It was said there must be a band, and a band was sent, and it was paid for, 25*l.*, but who sent it I do not know.

3298. Have you ever known such a large expenditure for flags, poles, and colours?—This is the first election in which I have ever had anything to do with the expenses. I have had nothing to do here except to pay.

3299. In your judgment, is there any sufficient reason for an expenditure of 600*l.* or 700*l.* on each side upon flags, colours, rosettes, and so on, except for the purpose of popularity by circulating money over the borough?—It is a common thing in Deal to have poles and flags, and what one did the other day was to see who should have the most. They wanted to put more, they said that the other side were getting more up, but I really thought we had gone far enough. The real truth is that when the Tories had got up a pole here the Liberals wanted one there, and so they went on. I do not think it had anything to do with voting except in this way that if one side had it, and the other side had not, the one that had it would get the best of it.

3300. Is not the object of it to make the candidate popular in the borough by showing that he is spending and circulating a good deal of money?—No, here it is the common thing to have a great display of flags.

3301. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You think the rivalry between the two parties is what really brings it about?—Yes, I think that has a great deal to do with it. I do not know who gave the order, but the first thing after Sir Julian came was to start about getting the flags and poles.

3302. There were more flags and poles at this election than any other before?—Yes, of recent elections, but years gone by there were a great many more.

3303. One of the witnesses told us that the effect of the Act of Parliament in 1863 was to put down poles and flags?—Yes, it was certainly, but before that there used to be flags and poles to a greater extent than there was this time, and costing ten times the money.

3304. The Act put it down for a time?—Yes, no doubt, but all the old practices are creeping in.

3305. Did they have bands in the old days here?—Yes, bands, and rows too.

3306. For a time the bands disappeared?—I do not think they had any bands for some time, except of a very low character.

3307. And they came back upon this election?—As I have said, Sir Julian Goldsmid had a very great objection to it, and said he would not have a band; but you know what it is very well; a member is powerless in such matters, and if a band is sent it must play.

3308. I am not sure that I fully understand about all these accounts, but we have a lot of claims here, of which a considerable amount has been paid. I do not know whether you have any papers indicating how much of this account has been paid and how much has not. Here is a claim that comes to 1,479*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*, and we see that a considerable part of it under the head of Ramell, and under the head of Cornwall, have been paid by you; what I want to know is whether there has been made out a statement showing how much of the claims at present remain unpaid?—There is no account of that.

3309. The total claims against Sir Julian Goldsmid in connection with this election appear to be correctly stated in these three papers?—Yes, for Deal and Walmer; and Sandwich I know nothing about.

3310. For Deal it is 1,479*l.*, Walmer 596*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*, and for Sandwich, which you know nothing about, 593*l.*; against that, has any sum been paid as far as you know, except the money which has passed through your hands?—No, not that I know of; I think they are all unpaid. A fly proprietor came to me the other day who wanted to know whether he could have some money on account. I told him that I had not got any money, and he said he should write to Sir Julian Goldsmid, but whether he has got any or not I do not know.

3311. After the election you applied to Sir Julian Goldsmid for the balance due to you?—I wrote to Sir Julian Goldsmid to say that I was out of pocket, and that I should be glad of a cheque, but I have not had one. I told him I was out of pocket, I think, to the extent of 491*l.*

3312. Have you applied to Messrs. Lewis and Lewis?—Yes.

3313. Have they paid you anything?—No, nothing; on the contrary, they sent me a letter the other day, and I do not know exactly what they mean by it; they say that I have had enough money. I thought, as Mr. Emerson had got some money, perhaps they would send me some, but they have not. They used to write very fairly, but they have never paid me money.

3314. As a matter of fact, they have not paid the balance?—No, and they do not mean to pay it according to their account.

3315. You have received nothing, except the sum you told us of?—No; here is the letter I received the other day from Messrs. Lewis and Lewis (*handing the letter*).

3316. I need not trouble you with that, I think; I may take it that up to the present you are out of pocket 490*l.*, which you have actually expended in connection with this election, and which has not yet been repaid?—Yes, after the election Sir Julian wrote to me to say that he would pay no more, and that I must apply to Messrs. Lewis and Lewis. I wrote to them, and they said they would audit the accounts and pay, but I have never got any money.

Adjourned to tomorrow at ten o'clock.

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FOURTH DAY.

J.B. Edwards.

8 Oct. 1880.

Friday, 8th October, 1880.

JOHN BARBER EDWARDS recalled, and further examined.

3317. (*Mr. Holl.*) There are two or three matters upon which I desire to put a few questions; is that (*handing a paper*) the list of claims that had been sent in to you?—Yes.

3318. In respect of the moneys expended in Deal?—Yes, some of which are paid, as shown by Mr. Outwin's statement.

3319. Is this an account of all the claims you received in respect of Deal?—Yes, the whole of the claims.

3320. Some of them have been paid?—Yes, about 500*l.* has been paid, leaving about 1,000*l.* unpaid.

3321. I see that the total amount claimed here in respect of, and in connection with, the hire of public-houses is 145*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

3322. And of that I think 54*l.* has been paid?—Yes; there is one item, Woodward and assistant, 17*l.* 4*s.*, which is not in connection with the public-houses.

3323. I put that in connection with the public-houses, because Outwin told us he sent for Woodward, in order to arrange with the public-houses?—Yes, I think that was so; he was considered a good publican's man.

3324. Outwin said that he was engaged in connection with the hire of public-houses?—Yes, it was so, I think.

3325. All the other claims mentioned here are claims that have been sent in to you?—Yes, by the parties.

3326. The principal ones paid are Ramell, for the flag poles and some few other items?—Yes.

3327. And Cornwall, for the messengers and personating agents and clerks?—Yes.

3328. And then the last seven items in the account also came into Cornwall's account?—Yes, 249*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* is the total.

3329. Those are the mere payments that have been made, of which you gave the details yesterday?—Yes.

3330. I do not know whether you have extracted the totals of the amounts for different classes of expenditure; are you aware that in round numbers the total amount for flags, colours, and rosettes, in Deal is 194*l.*?—I have not gone into the rosette question at all; they are merely the poles furnished.

3331. Are you aware that the amount of claims in respect of Deal alone, irrespective of what was spent by Rose, at Walmer, in respect of rosettes and flags, is 194*l.*?—No, I do not know it.

3332. You have not taken out the items at all?—No, not at all.

3333. I will not trouble you with any of the smaller items. Do you know what this account is of Denne, "Central committee-room, refreshments, 174*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*?"—Yes, and I think it a most abominable amount, and that not half of it ought to be paid; about half of the amount is charged for the committee-rooms, and about half for the supply of wines and spirits, and so on, none of which, or at least very little, was ordered for the committee, or anyone authorised by them; he took it into his own hands to supply these things to parties, if he did supply them, without any order. That is one of the accounts that I was going to draw your attention to just now, in reference to the public-houses.

3334. I understand that you doubt whether all the quantities mentioned were supplied at all, but if they were they were not supplied upon the orders of the committee?—No, certainly not; of course, the committee had a little themselves. I think I had a bottle of champagne one day and a bottle of sherry another day. I think about half of that amount is a charge for the committee-rooms, at the rate of 8*l.* or 10*l.* a day. I really do not know how the man ever came to send in such an account, and that particular account I have remarked on to more than one person.

3335. Have you examined into the accounts for millinery, for flags and colours?—I did cast my eye through Mrs. Jones's account, and I think there is nothing uncommon there.

3336. Does the quantity supplied and the price appear to you to be reasonable?—Yes, it seems so; she had the order, I believe, from someone of the committee. I may say it is rather unusual to have a widow to supply in these cases, but she is called a very old blue; she has always supported the Liberals, and has always had a bill. She has no vote, and it is she that I did not really pay, but lent the 18*l.* on account.

3337. What was that; for rosettes or what?—Rosettes and ribbons. She has given a very long detailed account. I think they were always supplied to parties that came in if they gave their names.

3338. Then there is a retainer fee to T. C. Hall, who is he?—He is a solicitor here, and I believe he used to be a member, or had something to do with the Liberal Association, and the committee thought that he ought to be retained.

3339. Did you retain him?—No, I did not retain him, except as one of the Liberal Association committee.

3340. Had you any direction from Sir Julian Goldsmid to retain him?—No, not in the least. It was said that he had always supported the Liberal Association.

3341. The Liberal Association took it upon themselves to consider that he ought to be retained?—Yes.

3342. Do you know that he had anything particular to do?—I think he had to look after the out-voters, to write to them, and look them up, and so on.

3343. There would not be a great many of them; that would not be a very arduous duty for a fee of 50 guineas?—I believe he sent in a claim of 50 guineas, but I do not know whether it will be paid; being a lawyer's claim, of course, I have not anything to say about it.

3344. Are you aware that there is a claim in Cornwall's bill of 15*l.*, paid to Mr. Hall for out-voters?—That is for cash supplied to Mr. Hall.

3345. For cash supplied to Mr. Hall to give to out-voters to come and vote?—I suppose it would be for carriages and so on. I think Mr. Hall, when he sent in his claim, deducted a small portion from the 50 guineas on account of a balance of the 15*l.* that he did not expend.

3346. Are you able to tell us how many out-voters there were?—No, I do not know.

3347. You have not interfered with the details?—No.

3348. There is an item here of 14*l.* to Brown, for preparing canvassing and promise books; was that for printing them?—It was dissecting the register and putting the names into canvass books, and preparing sheets for the committee rooms; instructions, I think, they call them.

3349. What is Mr. Brown?—He is a rate collector here.

3350. How long would that take him to do, a day or so?—I should think some days.

3351. Two or three days?—Quite. It is not an easy matter to dissect a register, so as to have the names all in order, for the purpose of canvassing, and to prepare large sheets likewise for the voting.

3352. Does not it strike you as being a large item, 14*l.* for two or three days' work, to a gentleman in that position?—I do not know, and I think that is the amount that has been paid before.

3353. About how many books were there prepared?—Eight or 10, I think.

3354. For Deal?—Yes.

3355. Have you got one of them at all?—I do not think I have any.

3356. Mr. Brown is a voter, I presume?—They went into different hands of the committee for the purpose of canvassing.

3357. Mr. Brown is a voter, I presume?—His son did all this work for him, who is with him, and who is not a voter.

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3358. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is meant by "preparing," he did not write anything in the books?—Yes, he wrote all the names of the voters, and had them all arranged, which is not the case in the register; they are all higgledy piggledy in the register, and they were obliged to be brought into different streets, and it was only by the assistance of Mr. Brown that it could be well done, because, being a rate collector, he knows where everybody lives.

3359. In fact, it was arranging and copying out 2,000 names?—No, it would not be 2,000 names, because it was only for Deal.

3360. Then it would only be about 1,200 names?—Yes, but in addition to that there are the strike sheets.

3361. What are the strike sheets?—Sheets with the names of all the voters, which are stuck up in the committee room upon the day of the election, so as to enable you to strike out the names of those who had voted.

3362. That would be, in point of fact, a copy of the register for each district?—Yes, that would be a copy of the register.

3363. A mere copy of the register?—Yes.

3364. Who did the strike lists?—They were done by a Mr. Goymer, I think.

3365. 10*l.* is charged for that?—That is an old charge, a charge that has always been made.

3366. I understand you to say that the strike list is only a copy of the register?—It is not simply in small writing, but in very large writing.

3367. I suppose that is what any clerk could have done for 5*s.* or 10*s.*?—I should have to pay a clerk more than that anyhow.

3368. (*Mr. Holl.*) Still an ordinary copying clerk would do it for 1*l.*?—It is in very large writing.

3369. (*Mr. Jeune.*) However, it is a charge that is always made and that is why it was made upon this occasion?—This man has always done it, and I believe he has always had 10*l.* for it. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Liberals without canvassing or anything of the kind.

3370. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then I see "Hancock, carriages," 32*l.* 15*s.*, and 12*l.* 18*s.*, making 55*l.* 13*s.*, and 30*l.* of that has been paid?—Yes, that was a payment that he had to make upon the day of the election for flies from Dover, and I gave him 30*l.*

3371. The charge altogether for carriages is 55*l.* 13*s.*?—I think his account shows what was for himself and what he had to hire from Dover.

3372. There are two accounts for rope to Philip Finnis and George Finnis: 32*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* to George Finnis and 34*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* to Philip Finnis, making 67*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* for rope; was that rope that was purchased or hired?—Purchased, none returned.

3373. It seems to me an enormous amount to be expended for rope?—I think the charges are correct, though no doubt it is a very large sum.

3374. Has any investigation been made to ascertain whether these quantities really were supplied, and so forth?—I think perhaps Mr. Ramell, who had the ordering of it, would know.

3375. He would be able to speak to the details?—Yes.

3376. It does not state the quantities here; it is put down as 121 of rope; is that feet or yards?—I do not know; it would be as the boatmen ordered it; fathoms I should think.

3377. Or it may be cwts., and in fact I think it is so. However, personally you have no knowledge of the quantities used?—No.

3378. What was done with all this 67*l.* worth of rope?—It was used for rigging the flagstaff and poles.

3379. After the election was over what was done with it?—I am afraid that it fell as a perquisite to the boatmen who took them down.

3380. 67*l.* is paid for rope, and as soon as the poles have been up for a day or two they pull them down and the whole of the rope becomes a perquisite?—Yes, it is a common thing at Deal for the boatmen to have a little perquisite in rope.

3381. As soon as the election was over this lot of rope was divided between somebody?—I suppose those who put the poles up and took the poles down did not return them, but I do not know it.

3382. Did they keep the poles as well?—No, they were merely hired.

3383. It strikes me as rather hard that they should make so large a charge for taking them down?—That was thought to be a very small sum.

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3384. There is a charge of 16*l.* 10*s.* for taking down, plus 67*l.* worth of rope?—I do not think you quite understand the nature of some of these flag poles; the large flag staff required a great deal of putting up and a great deal of taking down. Mr. Ramall said he had a picture of it. I think it would show that it really was something to do.

3385. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Going back to Hancock's bill I see "12 horses and carriages with drivers, and expenses "going to Dover, 22*l.* 18*s.*" What did they go to Dover for?—Hancock himself went to Dover to engage these flies; that is a part of it, and the rest he had to pay to the parties for the flies.

3386. Hancock went to Dover and ordered flies there?—Yes, because they could not be got here.

3387. The other side had taken all the flies?—The principal fly-proprietor here is Mr. Olds, and of course he kept them for his own side. Hancock had only two himself and I do not think he could get another fly; as it was, we were very badly provided with carriages, and he went to Dover and thought he had made a very good bargain, I believe.

3388. (*Mr. Holl.*) He makes out a bill of 32*l.* 16*s.* for the use of two flies?—Two or three flies; but that was during the whole of the election.

3389. That would be only seven or eight days?—They are pair-horse flies. If Sir Julian had won the election the bill would have been more probably, but being a losing election he made out a moderate bill.

3390. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Yes, I think you are right; he charges two guineas for the carriage and pair a day, and driver, 5*s.* I do not think it is out of the way as things go?—I do not think so; there were a good many flies had from time to time.

3391. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then I see "Pitcock, Draper, "21*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*"; that is part of the flag and rosette department. Then Redman, linings, 7*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*"?—I do not think I looked at any of these bills except "Mrs. Jones," and I do not know how it was I came to look at that.

3392. You have not inquired into them?—No.

3393. Then there is "W. Ramell, painter, 53*l.*"?—That I think was getting up all the flags, and most of it I think was paid out of pocket.

3394. That is not the Ramell that will account for the poles?—Yes.

3395. This is apparently for making flags or colours?—Yes.

3396. I see in his account, "Mr. Long 5*l.*, Mr. Bailey "1*l.*," and so on?—Yes, that was for making up the different colours.

3397. Then I see, "Paid men for labour, 6*l.* 10*s.*; "own expenses and labour, 10*l.*," if he paid all these people these sums amounting to 43*l.* what labour did he bestow himself which required 10*l.* for himself?—There was a very large display of flags, and they were all new and required a great deal of making up.

3398. This is not for the material, because that is charged separately—the making up alone comes to 53*l.*?—Yes.

3399. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Is there anything to show the quantity or number of flags supplied for this money?—I do not think there is any account that would show it except the draper's account which would prove the quantity of yards supplied. Upon Prince of Wales Terrace alone I should think there were 50 flags made in a peculiar shape and style.

3400. Then there is a charge for making 24 horse cloths, ordered by W. James, what are those?—That is Mr. Walter James. I suppose he has had experience at other places where they have had horse cloths with the name of the candidate painted or worked upon it, and put over the horse to show that the carriages were those of Sir Julian. I suppose it was an idea of his. At different places they have different plans.

3401. (*Mr. Holl.*) The next item is, "Baldwin, draper, "35*l.* 10*s.*," that would be of course for material?—Yes.

3402. Then Ralph, of the "Forester's Arms," for rope, &c., 19*l.* 18*s.*?—It is "rope, &c.," I think that included a charge for his house.

3403. It is, "Supplied to sundry parties 300 weight "of rope and refreshments during the election;" does he keep a public-house?—Yes, the "Forester's Arms."

3404. Do you know how much of this amount was rope and how much was " &c. "?—No, I do not know at all.

3405. Just look at that bill (*handing the same*) and see whether it means hundredweight, or what is it?—I do

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3406. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I see that one hundredweight of rope is put down here at 5*l.*, so that three hundredweight would be 15*l.*, and it would represent 15*l.* for rope, and 4*l.* for refreshments?—I cannot say whether it means three hundredweight and a half, or fathoms.

3407. It would seem here that rope is sold by the weight?—It may be so.

3408. (*Mr. Holl.*) I do not understand that any steps have been taken to at all check these accounts, and to ascertain the correctness of them?—No, not in the least by myself, whether the parties who sent the claims in to me ascertained I do not know. Some were supplied through Mr. Ramell, and some through Mr. Cornwell.

3409. They were not all delivered directly to you by the parties?—No. I handed a paper in yesterday of a list that came through Ramell; he got them in and sent them to me.

3410. Some came directly to you?—Very few.

3411. Some came through Ramell, and some through Cornwell?—Yes, and very few came to me direct.

3412. Then we have Ramell's charge for putting up and taking down poles, 118*l.*, and Prince of Wales Terrace 25*l.*, that is only for putting them up?—Preparing them, rigging them, and putting them up. It is put down there, "Putting up," but it comprises a great deal more than simply putting the poles up.

3413. Then we have, "Watchers, 11*l.* 15*s.*," and "Taking down poles, 16*l.* 10*s.*?"—Yes, the watchers were very necessary here, because these flags extended a long way, the whole length of the town. There were some hundreds of poles, and it was an amusement upon the part of the other side, and indeed it might have been so on our own side to cut them down.

3414. The other side had watchers too?—Yes, I should think so; after certain poles had been found cut down it was found absolutely necessary to have watchers.

3415. (*Mr. Jeune.*) It is possible even you think, that your own side did it?—Yes, to make another job it is possible, but I will not say it was so.

3416. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then taking down "staffs, 16*l.* 10*s.*?"—Yes, and I recollect it was thought to be a very small sum.

3417. Then, "Pockett and Hougham, out-voters, 7*l.*," what is that?—Pockett is a gentleman living in London, I think, and Hougham is a man living a long way off.

3418. Were these sums that Mr. Ramell paid?—Yes.

3419. Then we have, "Per Mr. Cornwell, messengers, 124*l.* 2*s.*" and "61*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for clerks and personating agents." That we shall call Cornwell for?—Yes, all of which I went through with Mr. Cornwell. The book is not forthcoming, and Mr. Cornwell thinks he sent it to me, but I cannot find it. It is not suppressed for the purpose of keeping anything back, I am quite sure of that, but I think he must be mistaken in thinking that he sent it to me. Some few of these claims were paid upon the Saturday, and the rest were paid immediately after the election, and the book contained all the names and amounts, and, I believe, out of them there was hardly a single voter, because Mr. Cornwell, being an old electioneering man, would not have messengers voters.

3420. You say Mr. Cornwell says that book was sent to you?—Yes, he says it was.

3421. Have you seen it yourself?—If ever it was sent to my house in a parcel I have a glimmering idea that I have seen a brown paper parcel, but I never looked at it, and I cannot find it. I still think he must have it himself.

3422. Do you say that you went through the accounts with him?—Yes, at the time, and in totting up he produced the book.

3423. You saw the book?—Yes, I saw it then.

3424. Whether it has been mislaid at your house, or whether he has mislaid it, you cannot tell?—Yes.

3425. Do I understand you in regard to this item of 124*l.* for messengers there were not many of them voters?—Very few, if any. He told me of one man in particular who was a voter, and he declined to pay him, and he left the Liberals accordingly.

3426. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You mean that Mr. Cornwell recognised it as wrong to employ voters in such a capacity?—Yes.

3427. He seems to be rather singular down here?—I do not know, but he had an idea of his own that we ought not to have voters and pay them as messengers.

3428. I know it may be an idea of his own, but it is an idea in which most people ought to share?—And do share perhaps.

3429. (*Mr. Holl.*) As regards the personating agents or clerks, were they voters?—Yes, some of them.

3430. Were the messengers voters' sons?—Yes, very likely, many of them were boys. The difficulty was to keep down the number.

3431. How many were there to represent this item of 124*l.* for seven days during the election?—Mr. Cornwell will recollect more about it. I had nothing to do with the ordering of them, but there were continual applications.

3432. These messengers were many of them lads?—Yes, most of them.

3433. One would assume that there must have been nearly 100 messengers?—Yes, no doubt there were more than 100.

3434. That is one for every 10 voters in the town; that does not look like keeping the expenses down?—It was, we might have employed a great many more.

3435. I gather from you that very numerous applications to be employed were made?—Yes, a very great many.

3436. Everybody expected to be employed?—Yes, and if not they were offended.

3437. A large number of voters expected to have their relatives and sons employed as messengers?—I do not know whether they were sent by their fathers, but they came and applied for the employment. I had nothing to do with the employment of many of them.

3438. There was a difficulty in keeping the number down?—Yes, so Mr. Cornwell informed me, and he was a good deal blackguarded from time to time for not taking more on.

3439. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Pretty nearly every voter expected to be employed, or to have his son employed?—I think very likely. I know there were some very respectable boys who I should have thought ought not to be there.

3440. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then as regards "Personating agents and committee room clerks, 61*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*;" the personating agents would be only employed upon the day of the election; do you know what they were paid apiece?—I think it was a guinea.

3441. How many of them were there?—I do not know, but Mr. Cornwell can tell you.

3442. Do you know how many committee room clerks there were?—I do not know. Mr. Cornwell had the entire management.

3443. Although he may have mislaid the book probably he will be able to give us an idea of the numbers, and what they were paid?—Yes. I do not think that the book could ever have been sent to me. It is a mistake, I think, to suppose so.

3444. Then "Out-voters per T. C. Hall;" do you know how many out-voters there were, and how much was paid to each, and where they came from?—No.

3445. I think in Mr. Hall's claim, a certain amount was deducted that he had not expended of the 15*l.*?—Yes.

3446. Then we have "Goymer, services in committee room, 12*l.*;" what does that represent?—He was there the whole of the time from the commencement, from 8 in the morning until very late at night, taking charge of the clerks and parties who were working from time to time at circulars, and all that sort of thing; that was the charge he made.

3447. How many days was he there?—I suppose from the Monday to the Tuesday following.

3448. Upon Tuesday you began to work really, did you not?—Yes.

3449. Then it was seven days?—I believe the whole of Sunday he was there, and it may be he would expect double pay for that.

3450. It would be about 30*s.* a day. What is Goymer?—He is a man in poor circumstances, who has been in better circumstances. He has always been a supporter of the Liberals, and always had the office. It is quite necessary to have old hands, because they understand all about the things. I believe Mr. Cornwell thought it rather high, and Mr. Goymer thought it rather low. I do not know whether he made a greater charge, and it was settled for 12*l.*

3451. Then I suppose the last item is your own?—Yes.

3452. The total of these claims in the Deal account is 1,479l. 12s. 11d.?—Yes.

3453. Apart from Rose's own account at Walmer, there are items to the amount of 290l. 2s. 0d., and I will ask you a word or two about them. Is that (*handing a paper*) a full account of the Walmer claims?—Yes, a full account.

3454. The total of it amounts to 596l. 8s. 3d.?—Yes.

3455. Of which, 306l. 6s. 8d., consists of Rose's account?—Yes; of which he has given the details, I think.

3456. The first item I see is Miller's account for carriages, 44l. 11s. 6d.?—Walmer is totally separate, and more carriage accommodation is required in Walmer.

3457. That is in addition to the carriage charge claimed in the Deal account of 55l., so that it comes to over 100l. for carriages for Walmer and Deal together?—Yes; that was for eight or ten days.

3458. Have you examined the account sent in by Mr. Miller?—I saw him the other day, and he wanted to be paid. I told him I had no money to pay him with, and he informed me it was a very moderate bill for a great number of carriages. He has a great many carriages, brakes, and other kinds.

3459. What was the amount charged upon the day of the election, and the amount charged previously; do you know?—I do not know; but the account would show.

3460. I see that 35l. is charged for carriages prior to the day of the election, and upon the day of the election about 10l. What were the carriages required for prior to the day of the election; because I see some days as much as 3l. 18s. 0d. is charged for carriages, prior to the election?—Sir Julian would have carriages, and the committee would have carriages, for the purpose of canvassing.

3461. (*Mr. Turner.*) In Walmer?—Yes; there is Upper Walmer and Lower Walmer.

3462. (*Mr. Holl.*) I suppose the same person would not canvass Lower and Upper Walmer?—No. People are fond of riding in carriages at the time of elections.

3463. (*Mr. Jeune.*) One day I see you had six carriages out, and another day three carriages?—I do not know who had the carriages. I was often in Walmer, but never could find one. I used to say sometimes that I should like a carriage to drive back in, but I never could find one, and I always had to walk, unless I met a friend who drove me back.

3464. (*Mr. Holl.*) Walmer does not seem to me to be more than a mile from one end to the other, and it is difficult to understand how you would want six carriages one day and three another?—I think parties used to order a carriage, whether it was really wanted or not.

3465. You do not know anything of the detail beyond that?—No.

3466. Then Hookman, painter, 9l. 12s., that is flag making?—Yes.

3467. Or is that for painting flags?—I do not know exactly.

3468. You do not know what that is?—No.

3469. I see in his account he says, "Writing upon flags." I suppose it means averaging 9 inches, 9d. a letter. He says, "Writing upon flags 204 letters, 7l. 13s." Is that painting them upon the flags?—Yes; there were divers names and mottoes.

3470. Are they sewn in, or painted?—Painted.

3471. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you mean painted on the flags?—Yes.

3472. (*Mr. Hall.*) Upon the canvas?—Yes.

3473. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Is 9d. a letter charged at other times than at election times?—I do not know; it is so seldom you have flags painted. I have several flags, but none of them painted.

3474. (*Mr. Holl.*) If you wanted your name painted upon your office door, they would not charge you 9d. a letter?—I do not know.

3475. It might be so at election times?—Yes.

3476. The next item is, "Pearson, 'Queen's Head,' central committee rooms and refreshments, 41l. 18s. 4d." He keeps a public-house at Walmer?—Yes, the "Queen's Head;" and that is where the central committee rooms were held.

3477. Is that the same Mr. Pearson who superintended the flag department?—No, that is another Pearson. This Pearson is the landlord of the "Queen's Head."

3478. I see that of the charge of 41l. 18s. 4d., 10l. is for the central committee room, and the rest for refreshments. This cannot be for refreshments only supplied to the committee?—I do not know. Mr. Rose had the entire management of it, and I did not know that there were any refreshments.

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3479. I see that for days prior to the election there are charges from 18s. 6d. to 2l. odd for refreshments, and then when we come to the 17th it mounts up to 4l. 6s. 8d., and upon the day of the election it mounts up to about 16l.?—I expect they had a dinner upon the day of the election.

3480. Do you know how that is?—No, I do not know at all. I suppose it was Mr. Rose's manner of conducting the election to have these refreshment houses, but I had no knowledge of it. I think he said that he consulted with me about it, but I was quite surprised when the bills came in, and I said, "What does this mean?" "Mr. Rose, we do not have these things at Deal."

3481. I was observing that neither upon the Conservative side or upon the other side, are there at Deal these charges?—No, excepting in the case of Mr. Denne, and he never had authority to do it.

3482. Then the next item is Bullen, of the "Clyde," committee room and refreshments, 11l. 10s.; and I see that item is made up of a charge of 5l. for committee room and 6l. 10s. for refreshments?—The committee room would be all right.

3483. I know; but I am separating the charge for the committee room, from the 6l. 10s. for refreshments?—I was not in the least aware of it till the bills came in.

3484. That makes 38l. already for refreshments?—I think upon the day of the election, at all these houses they had a dinner.

3485. I find that the charge for refreshments at Walmer is 77l. 18s.?—Very likely.

3486. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Amongst about 300 voters?—Yes.

3487. It is nearly 80l. for refreshments for a week; you could have with that amount have given all the voters in Walmer for the time breakfast, dinner, and supper?—It is only 1,600 shillings, and divided by 300 it only gives 5s. for each voter.

3488. (*Mr. Holl.*) But there are some voters who would not condescend to accept it?—Yes, I should think there would be some that would not have any refreshments at the expense of the candidate.

3489. I do not suppose there would be more than two thirds, and if it be so, it makes it a larger amount to be divided amongst the two-thirds that are left?—Dinner is not to be had upon an election day without paying pretty considerably for it. At most of these houses I know they had a dinner, and I dare say all the clerks and everybody had a dinner at the "Queen's Head."

3490. Then there is Axon, of the "Army and Navy," and there is a charge for committee room and refreshments, 12l. 3s., of which amount 7l. 3s. is for refreshments. Then Morris, of the "Life Boat," 11l. 19s. 6d., of which 6l. 19s. 6d. is for refreshments. Then Winter, of the "Drum," 11l. 1s.; it does not appear how that is divided, but it would be, use of committee room 5l.; and then I see "Expense of meeting 2l.," and then "Expenses upon the election day"?—I think there was a meeting in a booth.

3491. Then West, of the "Wellesley Arms," refreshments, 18l. 19s. 4d.?—I think at the "Wellesley Arms" there was a dinner.

3492. That is all for refreshments?—Mr. Rose informed me that there was some mistake about it; the dinner had been ordered by one man and counter ordered by him, but the landlord said it was too late, and supplied the dinner, and sent in the bill.

3493. But this is not charged as a dinner; it is a charge for refreshments, 18l. 19s. 4d., from the 10th to the 18th, as ordered?—Mr. Rose disputed it, and said he never ordered it; but it was ordered by a member of the committee.

3494. Then I see, in addition to the 44l., Miller's account for carriages, there is a charge by Minter, of Upper Walmer, for carriages 9l. 13s. 6d., making altogether 55l.; and then Knight, for carriages, 2l. 7s.; Ayers, for carriages, 4l. 13s., really making 60l. odd at Walmer alone for carriages?—Yes. I do not want to say anything against Walmer, but it has always had a character of being extravagant in conducting elections.

3495. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I think it has done itself full justice this time?—Mr. Rose was cautioned by me, from instructions that I had from Mr. Emmerson, to be sure to keep the expenses down, because they had to complain

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3496. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then the next is Pointer and Co., drapers, 9*l.* 16*s.*, that is for rosettes. Then "Woodcock ditto, 2*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.*," and another Woodcock for the same, 1*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*, making altogether 14*l.* for rosettes, and that is in addition to all that Mr. Rose himself spent and supplied?—I think Mr. Rose is more particular in respect of flags—the blue calico.

3497. For calico alone it is 55*l.*; he does not appear to have stinted himself. Then we have Loyns, draper, 3*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*; that is for bows?—I think he had a large bill against the other side, and I think there was some split about it.

3498. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Yes you are right?—I think there was some split about it.

3499. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then there are some small items for boards, and we have "Verrier, rope for poles, 20*l.* 6*s.*." That is in addition to the 80*l.* spent in Deal, so that in rope alone altogether over 100*l.* has been spent. Then we have "Trollope, hire of poles, 3*l.* 3*s.*," and again we have Mr. Golds, of Upper Walmer, draper, 19*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* In this account alone, in round numbers, we have 62*l.* for carriages?—Walmer is considered a little more aristocratic than Deal.

3500. In this account we have 62*l.* in Walmer for carriages; for flags, colours, and rosettes, in round numbers, 60*l.* spent by Mr. Rose, and additional items in this account amounting to 46*l.*, making altogether 106*l.* expended for flags and colours, and in addition we have 22*l.* for making, bringing up the expenditure upon flags and colours and making to 128*l.* in Walmer alone, independently of the claims for poles and rope?—I do not think there is much for poles.

3501. In this account for rope and poles it is 23*l.* odd, but in Rose's account there is a charge of 66*l.* for poles and rope, so that the total expenditure upon poles and rope in the Walmer account altogether is 89*l.* odd, and for flags, colours, poles, rope, and making, in round numbers it is 217*l.* or 218*l.* for Walmer alone?—Very likely.

3502. Out of an account of 519*l.* for Walmer we have 217*l.* or 218*l.* for poles, flags, colours, rope, and making, nearly 80*l.* for refreshments, 62*l.* for carriages, leaving for what one would think more legitimate expenses apparently a very moderate amount?—Walmer has been always distinct in their management from Deal, and I suppose that is their way of doing it.

3503. (*Mr. Jeune.*) There is one thing I am not quite satisfied about, upon the Friday you went to Mr. Emmerson, and met that man who was supposed to be Foord?—Yes.

3504. How came you to go to Mr. Emmerson?—Because Mr. Emmerson told me he expected somebody.

3505. When did Mr. Emmerson tell you that?—When I was at Sandwich that morning.

3506. You were at Sandwich the same morning?—Yes, I was often over at Sandwich.

3507. Emmerson told you he expected someone to come over with money?—Yes.

3508. And told you to come and see him that afternoon?—No, he told me someone was expected, and I said I intended going back by the train, but if the gentleman was coming I had better stay, and accordingly the gentleman did come, and I followed on to Mr. Emmerson's office.

3509. You were there entirely on account of what Mr. Emmerson told you?—No, I was in Sandwich.

3510. What caused you to meet Mr. Foord, and to expect to meet Mr. Foord, was only from what you heard from Mr. Emmerson?—Yes.

3511. Did Mr. Emmerson tell you how he came to think that someone would come down that Friday and bring money?—No.

3512. Did you not ask him?—No, I certainly did not.

3513. I do not quite understand how it happened; did he say to you that he expected somebody that afternoon with money?—Yes.

3514. Did you not say, "How come you to know it—who has told you"?—No, certainly not.

3515. You did not ask him?—No, certainly not.

3516. What did you think?—How do you mean, "What did I think?"

3517. How did you think Emmerson had known that somebody was coming that afternoon with money?—I supposed that he must have known it from Sir Julian Goldsmid.

3518. That is what you supposed at the time?—Yes, for this reason, that Sir Julian Goldsmid had said, as I stated yesterday, that he did not understand finding money for elections before the day of the election, and, in fact, that he never paid until after the election, and that was how I supposed that he had arranged for money to be brought; and it is a common thing, as I have said, to have so much money down, and so it ought to have been here, but Sir Julian Goldsmid seemed to have a great aversion to it, not on account of paying, but he did not think it the right way of doing business.

3519. When Mr. Emmerson told you to come, and he expected money would come, you had no doubt in your mind that Sir Julian Goldsmid had told Mr. Emmerson that money would come?—I suppose so. I do not know how otherwise he would know it, but I did not ask Mr. Emmerson, because, as I say, I really supposed something of the kind myself, though I had not been informed by Sir Julian Goldsmid that it would be so. Mr. Emmerson I always looked upon as the head of the party here, and I suppose that was how it came to him; he is always applied to by members or candidates in the first instance.

3520. Was Mr. Emmerson more in communication with Sir Julian Goldsmid than you were?—Before the election I think he saw Sir Julian Goldsmid, but I never saw him, and afterwards, of course, if Sir Julian was over at Sandwich; he would see Mr. Emmerson, and I believe he used to go over there very often.

3521. I suppose you have no doubt now that that money came by Sir Julian Goldsmid's order?—I will not say order. I should think he knew that money would come.

3522. You have no reason for thinking otherwise; we want to know, for the purpose of investigating, if necessary, the matter a little further?—Mr. Foord, as I stated yesterday, remarked that it was supplied by Sir Julian Goldsmid's friends; I do not think it was Sir Julian's money.

3523. Mr. Foord said that the money was supplied by Sir Julian Goldsmid's friends?—Yes; I believe it was Rochester that Sir Julian was sitting member for?

3524. Yes?—I think there his committee always used to pay anything, and he never was asked for money except at the last occasion, and he lost his election in consequence, because he would not submit to some little arrangement that was required of him.

3525. Except what you have told us, Foord said that the money was supplied by Sir Julian Goldsmid's friends; have you any reason that you can give us for knowing or supposing that Sir Julian knew of this money coming?—No, not any.

3526. Nothing that you heard from himself?—No.

3527. Or from Mr. George Lewis?—No, I never had any communication with Mr. George Lewis. Mr. George Lewis was not upon the carpet at all until after the election.

3528. He might have told you after the election?—No, he told me about Mr. Foord; he enquired whether I knew who the gentleman was, and I said I did not know.

3529. You had a conversation with Mr. George Lewis about Mr. Foord?—No, not about Foord; he asked me whether I knew who it was who brought the money, and I said "No." He said, "Have you not heard his name," and I said "No," and he said "Foord."

3530. Did he say who Foord was?—No, but since then I have heard from Mr. Emmerson that he is from Rochester, or that way.

3531. When was it that you had that conversation with Mr. George Lewis, was it at the time of the election petition?—No, since, I think; I have seen Mr. Lewis twice, and it was after he had filed the petition.

3532. How came you to be talking with Mr. George Lewis upon the subject; how did the subject come up?—I was there about my accounts.

3533. Mr. George Lewis perfectly well knew then, of course, that you had received the 1,300*l.*?—Quite so.

3534. And then he said to you, "Do you know who it was brought the money?—Yes.

3535. And you said, "I do not know," and he said that it was Foord?—I think he said, "Are you quite sure you do not know," and I said really I did not know, and I had never made any inquiry.

3536. And then he told you it was Foord?—Yes. I suppose it was Sir Julian's way of doing it. I am sure I had nothing to do with it.

3537. When you went to talk to Mr. George Lewis

about these accounts, did he seem to know that this 1,500*l.* had come down?—Yes, certainly.

3538. You did not inform him of the fact, or anything of the kind?—No, certainly not.

3539. He knew all about it?—I do not know that he may have known anything, except the 1,300*l.* which I had I do not know that he said anything about the other 200*l.*, but if he knew about one he must have known about the other.

3540. He knew perfectly well before you spoke to him upon the subject that you had had that 1,300*l.*?—Yes, quite so.

3541. Now you conducted this election. Do you think that politics had anything to do substantially with the result of this election. Do you think that political matters had any influence at all on the result, or was it entirely a matter of spending money, and so on?—I don't think it was one or the other. I don't think politics had anything to do with it, and I hardly think money carried the election. They wanted a change. People had been Liberal so long they thought they would like a change, just as in the general election, people turned from Conservative to Liberal.

3542. You think that had a great deal to do with it,

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3547. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You were the sub-agent at Sandwich?—Yes.

3548. What is your occupation?—I am clerk to the Guardians of Easby Union.

3549. And you were sub-agent for Mr. Crompton Roberts, under Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

3550. When did you begin to be concerned in the business of the election?—On the morning of the Wednesday, the 6th of May, I think it was, before I had any communication with Mr. Hughes.

3551. You mean you set to work on your own account?—I was not aware until the Wednesday morning that the contest was to commence; I became aware of it by Mr. Crompton Roberts, Mr. Nethersole, and two other gentlemen calling upon me in the morning, and saying that they were about to commence, and what they were to do. I said the first thing to be done was to canvass the place, and I suggested that Mr. Roberts should be taken round the town to call upon people, and in the meantime I would get some people together of the committee, and have canvassing books prepared. I was also told by one of the gentlemen who came with Mr. Roberts, that several public-houses had been hired as committee rooms. I believe Mr. Roberts was taken round the town and introduced to those gentlemen who were most likely to be his principal supporters, and later during the day, I had the canvass books prepared so far as I could, and in the evening I had a committee meeting, and arranged that names should be taken by different members to canvassers. After the meeting was over, I think it was between 11 and 12 at night, Mr. Hughes appeared upon the scene. I had gone home, and I had a message to say that Mr. Hughes had driven over from Deal to see me. I went down to the committee room, and he told me he had been engaged to conduct the election for Mr. Crompton Roberts, and enquired if I would take the Sandwich district for him. I told him I had no objection to do so, but I gave him to understand that what I did in Sandwich would simply be legitimate. I told him what I should do, and if there was anything to be done beyond the legitimate expenses of the election I should decline to do it, and he told me then he should not ask me to do anything else—that if anything else was done I should not be called upon to be mixed up in it. I may say I had never, in any shape or way, had anything to do with Sandwich politics. I was utterly ignorant of the way elections were conducted there, but from what I heard I was afraid in such a contest there might be illegal practices, and I thought it best to tell him at once I did not wish to have anything to do with them. I may say at that time I told him I knew nothing of these public-houses having to be hired. I believed a brewer in Sandwich had caused some houses to be taken, and it seemed to be the custom, from what I heard afterwards, for these houses to be taken as committee rooms and houses for bill-posting. I spoke to Mr. Hughes about them and told him these houses had been taken, that I knew nothing at all about them and never did such a thing, and asked him what he proposed to do. He said he had had a great many years' experience as an election agent, and there was not the slightest doubt whatever about the legality of the hiring of the houses,

do you?—Yes, they wanted a change, and Mr. Roberts seemed a very popular man with plenty of money. Mr. Hugessen was very popular, but he had not plenty of money.

3543. Then you do not think political causes really operated in the matter at all?—I think very little; that is my own opinion, nor can I understand how else there could be such a change over.

3544. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you know of any other reason for Mr. Roberts being so popular, except that he had plenty of money and spent it?—Well, he seemed to be a very genial man, and he was about with everybody, and drove his carriages, and made a great deal of flash here, and, of course, it took people.

3545. (*Mr. Turner.*) He was spending a good deal of money here?—I don't know what he spent; I daresay he did.

3546. (*Mr. Jeune.*) We do now. Now one other question, which you can answer from your experience. What do you think the effect of the ballot has been; do you think it has operated to tend to diminish expense, or conduce to the purity of elections?—On the contrary, for I think people have it on both sides now, and vote as they like.

and that it was a perfectly safe and proper thing to do, and you could have them for committee rooms if you required them and posting bills, that seemed to be the most legitimate use, and he said he would take the full responsibility. I understood I should be perfectly safe in paying for them, and it was on that understanding I did pay for them. He asked me whether it was not wise to pay at once, and I said the best thing would be to pay their bills and done with it, so that in the event of opposition coming there, and most probably there would be opposition, if they agreed to let the houses to us for that purpose and the other side went and offered them more they might possibly break their agreements, but if they were paid for and the receipt taken they could not afterwards get out of their contract. He then handed over 50*l.* for me to pay them. I had not at that time any knowledge of what the amount to be paid for the hire of committee rooms would be. I did not think myself they would be so much as 5*l.* I think I paid some myself and I remember in paying them I expressly stated that the great object was to have a good display of bills, and I found then that in hiring the houses some gentleman who had hired them had fixed the sum of 5*l.* as the price to be paid, expecting the election would last about a month. Having found that arrangement, and having paid one 5*l.*, I thought it was unwise not to pay the others the same. They were all equally advantageous for the purposes they were paid for, and that is how the 5*l.* came about, with the exception of one central committee room for which I paid 10*l.*, it was a very moderate payment.

3552. The number you engaged in all was 17?—18 according to the amended account.

3553. And the central room?—Yes; it is in the amended one, I sent the draft account. After the petition, on looking through the receipts, I found I had cheated myself out of one; I had paid 5*l.* more than I really charged for.

3554. Eighteen and one central committee room?—Yes; some of those were engaged afterwards, they were not all engaged in that way, but some were engaged, and I may have known of them, but I did not personally engage any. As it was thought it would be advantageous to engage them they were engaged and paid for at once. They were engaged at all the good points of the town.

3555. Just look at that list and see whether that is a list of the 19 (*handing same to the witness*)?—That appears to be the list. These red marks at the side relate to the days at which we had meetings at them.

3556. I was going to ask you that?—I may say this with reference to some of them, for instance, if you go into Sandwich from the railway station there are three houses situate at the corners of streets, and but for these public-houses you would not be able to see a single Conservative bill from one end of the town to the other.

3557. Is that a list of the eight houses where you had meeting, and the dates at which the meetings were held (*handing the same to the witness*)? I think there are only eight houses, the "Fleur de lis" is put down twice?—Yes, the "Fleur de lis" was the central committee room. I would not say they were the only houses. It does not

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profess to be an accurate list. This book, so far as I recollect, was used by the messengers in informing the members of the committee—between 30 and 40 gentlemen altogether—where the meetings would be, and this was a note for the chief messenger to inform himself where the next meeting would be, so that he could send round to them.

3558. Then I should think it is tolerably accurate?—Yes, tolerably accurate.

3559. It is the list on which you actually worked?—Yes, I believe it is. I did not prepare this, but I believe it is the case.

3560. So you had meetings at eight of the houses out of the 18?—Yes, the election I may say came off very much quicker than we expected. We had no idea the contest would come off so soon.

3561. Was anything at all done with the other houses, what use was made of them, if any?—Only that we had the bills there, and took care the windows were filled with our bills, and but for those houses I do not think you would be able to find any place close by—no places where you could post bills. In other towns you have got hoardings for a good display of electioneering literature, but there is none in Sandwich. You might go through the whole of the streets and find no sign that an election was going on, but for the bills in the public-house windows.

3562. Did not you put bills in shop windows?—Not many. I do not think there were many shops. My impression is the majority of them would be against us and would not put bills in.

3563. And as regards private houses of the poorer class, do not you put bills upon them?—We never have; I do not think it has ever been done; I never heard of it being done.

3564. Not in the windows of them?—No, not in the windows of them. Some of the poorer class of houses have had bills stuck against the house as well as in the windows.

3565. That is what I mean?—Outside the public-houses I mean.

3566. You are putting it in this way that it was necessary to take these public-houses, in order to have a place to display your bills, but surely you could have displayed the bills in other houses than public-houses?—No, I should not think there were six places in Sandwich where our bills were displayed, certainly not on houses. That is really the only reason I had for thinking Mr. Hughes was right in saying it was no illegal payment. It seemed to me an extravagant way of working, but he assured me there was not the slightest illegality in it.

3567. Do you live at Sandwich?—Yes.

3568. Then you know the place well?—Yes.

3569. You have lived there a good many years, I suppose?—No, I have only been there a few years; four or five years, possibly. I have never been there at an election before.

3570. Your real idea then is that there was some use in these public-houses, in order to put the bills upon them?—Undoubtedly, I thought, and think still, that for the purpose for which they were ostensibly hired they were worth the money. I should not do it under the same circumstances again, but I thought at the time that really they were worth the value they were paid, and I still think so. In fact, I might say this; if I had been asked at the time of the petition if all these landlords had votes I should have said Yes. I had no reason to believe one way or the other, but I thought they had, but on going through them since I found four of them had no votes, and a fifth did not vote. He was angry at having let his house, and said he had lost more by letting his house than if he had not let it, and he did not vote at all, and in many cases after the houses had been paid for I went on canvassing the landlords themselves, not assuming in any way that in paying for these houses we got the landlords votes.

3571. Did you select these houses?—I did not.

3572. Who made out this list?—That was made out after they were hired.

3473. Who selected which houses should be hired?—That I can hardly say. I believe the first that were hired were houses in Sandwich belonging to Mr. Matthews at Walmer. I believe Mr. Morley, his clerk, hired them. I believe Mr. Baxter at Sandwich caused his houses to be hired. They secured them at once to prevent the other side getting them. Then, I believe, a day or two afterwards, as the contest went on,

there was a man at the "Star Inn," a downright Liberal, and a man with no vote as it turned out, and it was thought desirable to have his house, and it was taken, so that no blue bills could be shown there. We got them in that way. It was thought desirable to get them, and they were worth the money to show bills. There may be one or two instances in which there was, perhaps, the same reason, but in no case that I am aware of was a payment made, except for that purpose, or was any suggestion made of any other consideration than that appearing.

3574. The Liberals had about the same number of public-houses?—I don't know what they have.

3575. In Sandwich I mean?—I don't know how many they had.

3576. Where did they put their bills up?—They were in public-house windows.

3577. Did they put bills in private houses or elsewhere than in public-houses?—I think not; I never observed them. Of course there are a few places where bills are put, bill-posting places, but very few.

3578. I see in this book, next to the list of the four, there is a list of several people. Is that a list of the committee?—That is merely a list of the persons who attended. There was no formal committee ever formed or chairman appointed, but these gentlemen were called hurriedly together, and that was a list for the messengers; they were to take notice to their places where the next meeting would be. Most of them used to attend and possibly bring one or two with them.

3579. The Liberals had only seven houses in Sandwich?—Very likely; there was no opposition for the first week. These were all hired long before there was any opposition.

3580. If the Liberals thought it necessary to have only seven, do you still think it was necessary for you to have 18?—I don't think it was absolutely necessary, and I don't say it was absolutely wise, but I say I paid for them at the request of Mr. Hughes who would rather have taken the whole lot. The difficulty was in taking them, not in getting them.

3581. Looking at the matter now do you think it was any real good taking those public-houses?—That would depend on the question whether it was any good having a display of bills at all. If it was any good having a display of bills then I say it was.

3582. So that to your mind the public-houses were taken for the display of bills?—Yes, it seems to me the only justification for them. I may say this that with regard to those I paid, that I impressed upon them it was for that chiefly, we specified for them to be well displayed. Those bills calling them committee-rooms were printed long before; I had nothing to do with it. They were sent over from Deal, and I had no hand in naming them committee-rooms. The receipt I took for them was written out by Mr. Hughes' clerk on the night he saw me; and you will find, with regard to the sums I paid, that some of the first receipts I took were written with the sums left blank. I intended to make arrangements according to what I considered the value and the purpose for which they were required, only afterwards, on learning one or two had been engaged with for 5*l.* for the election, I paid them at the same rate.

3583. You did not make a bargain with any of the houses?—No.

3584. You found 5*l.* had been paid for some, and so you paid 5*l.* for all?—I did.

3585. And this is the list, I may take it, of the gentlemen who interested themselves at Sandwich?—I think you may.

3586. Then the central committee-room was the "Fleur-de-lis"?—Yes.

3587. Did you make any arrangement with them to pay them 10*l.*?—Yes; I paid them in the presence of Mr. Hughes the same night. I called him in and asked him what he wanted for the election; he said "10*l.*;" I thought it a very moderate sum, and I paid him then and there.

3588. I see there is a charge here, J. Daniels, for committee room on the day of the election; was that another committee room besides the one you took of him before?—It occurred in this way; on the day of the election I was anxious, if possible, to have a room where the actual work was done apart from a public-house, and he having a room which he used as a seed shop, adjoining the "New Inn," which was also one of the committee-rooms, we engaged it, and he had to turn out the whole of the stands and trade apparatus, and fit it up as a room for the day

of election, so as to be quite away from the public-house, that was for a special purpose.

3589. Who is J. Daniels?—He is the landlord of the "New Inn." In that case, where the committee-room was hired, it also included the hiring of a large room fit for a public meeting, and a meeting was actually advertised to be held there, but there was some fear afterwards as to the safety of the room, and instead of using it we had the forms and other things taken out of the room, and removed to the market-room of the "Fleur-de-Lis," which was also a large room for a public meeting, and held a meeting there; but, of course, we dismantled the room entirely.

3590. Do you mean that besides the rooms at the 18 public-houses and several committee-rooms you wanted another committee-room for the day of election?—Yes, at the central committee-room at the "Fleur-de-Lis," you had to pass through the bar; it was somewhat difficult to get at, and I thought it would be far better it should be a separate room, altogether distinct for the day of election, to prevent any question about supplying drink.

3591. Did you say that Daniels is the landlord of the "New Inn"?—Yes; it is a large house, and this room is separated from the rest of the house, the "New Inn," and there is a separate door leading into it from the street, and it is altogether distinct.

3592. Was the "New Inn" one of the 18 public-houses?—Yes.

3593. So he got his 5*l.* like the others?—Yes, it was a very large public-house.

3594. And he charged you another 2*l.* for the one room on the election day?—Yes. He had to turn out the room and put himself to great inconvenience. It was fitted up as a seed shop, and the whole of the things had to be taken out.

3595. Then I see "H. Cogger, additional charge," who is that?—He was the landlord of the central committee-rooms. We used his room a good deal, as many as 200 or 300 people meeting in the market room, and we put them to such inconvenience and expense in making straight and putting the place right that he asked me if he thought he was not fairly entitled to some extra charge, and I said I thought he fairly was, knowing the manner in which his place had been used; it was a large room, capable of holding 200 people.

3596. And that was added on was it?—Yes, and therefore you may take his bill altogether to have been 12*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.*

3597. I see there is a charge of 22*l.* for refreshments for the clerks and messengers; and, then, "Perkins, wine merchant, 1*l.* 17*s.*, Cogger, 'Fleur-de-Lis,' 5*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*; the 'Bell and Anchor,' 4*l.*; Hooker, 8*l.*, "Daniels, of the 'New Inn,' 8*l.*, and Bushell, 3*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*," have all those bills been paid?—Not all of them; the bill of Daniels, about which there can be no question, has been paid; that was for refreshments chiefly on the day of the polling. The bill of Cogger has not been paid, for the simple reason that he has left Sandwich. There is no reason why it should not be paid, and it will be paid.

3598. Did you give any order for these refreshments being supplied?—I did for Daniels, because I took particular care about it. In the afternoon I told him he was to supply nothing except on a written order; the people were getting excited; he came in to know whether he should supply anything, and I said, "Supply nothing without a written order from me," and I gave them tickets.

3599. That was on the day of the election?—Yes. I am not so certain about the "Bell and Anchor." The first part of Bushell's bill, 1*l.* 2*s.*, and something I told him I would pay. That was supplied at the meeting, and I told him afterwards he had no business to supply it without the people paying for it; that it was contrary to orders altogether, but that, as he done it in ignorance, I would pay it; but as to the rest, I have not paid it. In fact I have not seen him since.

3600. All these are for refreshments on the day of the election?—Except the "Bell and Anchor." I judge so from the dates. I want to inquire about that. I do not think that is on the day. I gave no directions, and there was nothing incurred by my authority there.

3601. Did you order any refreshments to be supplied to anybody before the day of the election?—No, except one or two who came in to the central committee-room from Deal, and so on.

3602. You gave no order to any public-houses, I mean, or anything of that sort?—No. I have since

heard that there was treating, but I have no personal knowledge of it.

3603. You say you believe there was treating, by that you mean treating on the Conservative side?—I believe so.

3604. Do you know by whom it was ordered?—I cannot say, but it will come at any rate before you; one of those who will come before you will be able to tell you, but I cannot say absolutely.

3605. Do you know at what houses treating took place?—I have not the slightest idea at what houses, or what amount.

3606. When you say you believe there was treating, what was your reason for saying that?—I have heard since that there was.

3607. Of course a thing of that kind must connect itself with the name either of the house where it took place, or with the person by whom it was ordered?—I think it was merely in general conversation with various persons I heard it. I think one person who told me about it was Mr. Hughes, of Sandwich, who will be before you. Probably if any one did know he would know it.

3608. Mr. Hughes, of Sandwich, not Mr. Edwin Hughes?—Quite so; or Mr. Hooper, he might know. Perhaps I should have said Mr. Hooper rather than Mr. Hughes.

3609. Then you cannot tell me any houses at which treating took place?—No, I never heard any houses mentioned.

3610. Did you see any treating taking place on the day of the election; did you see any people going into public-houses on the day of the election?—No, I was engaged entirely in the committee room.

3611. All day?—Yes. I had no opportunity of seeing. There is one thing I want to say, one bill, I take it, is for treating, which I received a week or two ago, after the hearing of the petition. It was not sent in to me, but to Mr. Baker, and he handed it to me. It was made out to him. It seems that persons had gone there stating that he had sent them, but he says he has no knowledge of it, and never sent anybody.

3612. Is that Mr. Charles Baker?—No, Mr. Frank Baker. He told me when he gave it me that he told the person it certainly was not to be paid, and he had not authorised it or given any directions whatever. There it is (*handing the same to the Commissioners*). I did not find it when I sent the papers over. It is the only bill I received of any sort with the exception of those I sent.

3613. Who is S. Oakley?—I think he is at the "King's Head."

3614. Is it another bill you have in your hand?—No, it is the envelope in which it came.

3615. With the exception of that, have you any knowledge more than you have told us of of any treating taking place on the Conservative side?—Not of any treating.

3616. I see there is a charge for the hire of carriages; were those carriages hired by your order?—Yes. Some of these were before the election. We had several times to come down to Deal, and could not come down by train very well.

3617. The charge is 20*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes; they are moderate charges.

3618. I suppose that 20*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* was found quite sufficient for the carriages at Sandwich?—Oh yes, amply sufficient. That included as I tell you conveyances to Deal. I had to come to Deal in the afternoon of the polling day, and I came down in the evening to a public meeting in the same town once or twice in addition. I think his bill was very moderate, but it was certainly amply sufficient.

3619. Now there is a longish list of people who have been paid for various services; three were paid as watchers, were those people engaged by you?—They were engaged by Mr. Hughes, but they were engaged by my authority. Mr. Hughes saw me and said he had heard there was a conspiracy to tear down all the flags and things of that kind, and said these three men were willing to be about all night for two or three nights for 1*l.* or 30*s.* if they actually caught anybody doing damage, and I told him he might engage them for that, and he engaged them.

3620. And they did not catch anybody, I suppose?—No.

3621. And they were paid 3*l.*?—Yes.

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3622. Were they voters?—I do not know. Their names are signed to the receipts, the vouchers for that 3*l*. I know personally very little about the voters in Sandwich.

3623. Do you know if the receipts are among the list of vouchers?—Yes, you will find them on the blue forms probably.

3624. Were there three of them?—Yes; there is another man as well.

3625. Is that Drayson?—Yes, that is another man I omitted in sending in the account. I sent in a man named Clarke and omitted Drayson. Drayson was employed and Clarke was not. Drayson was watching to see what he could find out on the other side, and was employed about nine days. I found that was right, so I paid him 3*l*.

3626. Was he paid on the principle of having a larger sum if he found out anything?—No, he was not.

3627. Did he find out anything, do you know?—I think not. Mr. Hooper will know really more about him than I do; he told me he had earned his money fairly.

3628. Mr. Drayson is a voter, I suppose?—I believe he is; indeed, it was almost impossible to employ anybody except lads, who were not voters, or connected in some way with voters.

3629. You paid him?—Yes.

3630. Did you appoint him?—I believe I did tell him; he saw me, and said, he thought there would be bribery going on, and I told him, somewhat early, when the rumours began to get about, and before Sir Julian came down, I believe, that he was to look about, and find out what he could, and I would pay him as a messenger really.

3631. What is Drayson?—A ropemaker or a mat-maker or something of that kind.

3632. Has he got any business which he conducted?—He works for himself, but I do not think he has any shop, or anything of that kind.

3633. If he had any business at all, how could he have devoted his time to watching?—I do not think he had much business, he is a poor man.

3634. A poor man, is he?—Well, when I say a poor man, I mean he is a respectable man, a man to whom I should not think the amount paid was at all excessive, and a man who might be fairly expected to earn his money. If you see him I think you will say, it was not a very extravagant sum to pay him.

3635. You were paying 3*l*. to the man to watch, I suppose; he made no report to you, did he?—I refused to pay him at first, after the election, and then I saw Mr. Hooper. He said Mr. Hooper knew he had worked hard, and I asked Mr. Hooper about it and he said, "Certainly he had," and he understood that I had engaged him, and he worked hard, and under those circumstances I paid him. I did not pay him, you see, until a long time after the election. You will see the precise date of the receipt when I paid him.

3636. Oddly enough it is not dated?—Is it not; my impression is it was not paid till after the petition.

3637. I beg your pardon, it is written in the body of the receipt, the 11th of September?—I know it was quite late. The man bothered me ever so many times, and it was only when I ascertained he had worked, and had been misled in thinking that I had engaged him to work (I did say something about it, but I had forgotten to put his name down) that I did pay him later on. You will find in the account I sent, I have inserted a man named Clarke for 3*l*. That is how I came to pay him, and I found afterwards he was not employed at all, and that this man was not paid.

3638. Did you, on the last day of the election, see this man Drayson?—It would be about 10 days before the election; he would be working up to the time of the election.

3639. Did you see him every day?—I know I saw him several times; I did not see him every day, for I was not there every day myself.

3640. Did he tell you what he had been doing, or make any report to you?—He did not, and that is the reason I never thought of him, or thought of including him in the account, and I refused several times to pay him, but I found, as I told you, from Mr. Hooper that the man had been looking about, and he understood I had employed him, and that he thought it was very hard he was not paid, and, having this money in hand, at last I said, "Well there seems to be a misunderstanding, you thought you were employed, and you did something,

"and although I do not know what it was, I will pay you," and so it came to be paid later on, it was a long time, really, I protested, and would not pay. I had forgotten the circumstance.

3641. Then here are three other watchers, Collins, Wyatt, and Wybourne; those three persons are, I suppose, are all voters?—I cannot say.

3642. You do not know?—No.

3643. You engaged them, did you not?—I authorised Mr. Hughes to engage them. He told me he had lost one close to his own house, and he heard there was a conspiracy to take down other flags, and he asked me if he had better not employ three other watchers, and I said, "Very well."

3644. Then follows some charges for committee clerks, you had two committee clerks at four guineas?—Yes.

3645. And two personating agents?—Yes.

3646. And then you had a messenger at 3*l*. 10*s*., and a check clerk at 4*l*., and three other check clerks at 3*l*. each?—They were messengers and check clerks, that is to say, they were employed all the election as messengers, and on the day of the polling as check clerks. It is necessary in taking the votes to have some one who can write at the doors, and several others just about who know the people going in. It has been the custom to pay them, at all the elections I have had anything to do with, a guinea upon the day of the election, and they were employed for some considerable time as messengers. I mean those men who had three guineas.

3647. Are most of them voters? I suppose they are?—I could not tell you as to the check clerks, or personating agents. It is impossible to get men qualified for the office, unless they are voters. If they have been in Sandwich long enough to be of the slightest use, they must be on the register. Our committee-room clerks were not voters, and one or two of our check clerks were not voters. Were I could get a non-voter I gave him the preference, but in the majority of cases I was obliged to take voters.

3648. You did not tell them they were not to vote?—I did not.

3649. I do not know whether you know this, which some witness has already told us about. You may not know it perhaps, but do you know whether at the elections previous to this, it has been the custom to pair off the persons employed?—I have heard since it was; but on this occasion both sides voted. I was told the other evening that it had been the custom previously to pair off, and be very careful about it.

3650. Now I see Mr. R. A. Cox gets 3*l*. 10*s*. as a messenger, and another 1*l*. afterwards?—1*l*. which is down was really paid before. That 3*l*. 10*s*. was the final settlement of this account. He was the chief messenger really, and during the election I paid him two sums of 10*s*. on account, that is how his name appears twice.

3651. This is the list of messengers for whom 42*l*. 7*s*. was paid?—Yes; they were chiefly boys distributing bills.

3652. Were those messengers engaged by you?—No, I do not think they were engaged by me. I do not think I engaged any messengers.

3653. Who determined who they should be? Who fixed on them?—I think they were fixed on by the members of the committee from time to time. Their names were sent in, and so forth, and I was told for what they were employed. I believe as matter of fact, they mainly were employed by the committee. One or two of them are not paid; you see their names are there, with nothing against them.

3654. There are 48 you see?—Yes. The great difficulty was not to have double the number.

3655. Everybody wanted to be a messenger, I believe?—Yes; and I believe in former elections there have been more. There was a great deal at this election more than usual of election literature to be sent about. We had meetings at Deal, and bills came over in the morning for a meeting that evening, which had to be sent out to nearly every elector.

3656. It was the case, I suppose, that there was in this election a great deal of election literature going about?—Yes; which gave an excuse for employing many more.

3657. I suppose you circulated speeches?—Yes; everything calculated to educate the people.

3658. I see these people are paid very different sums. Some are only paid 10*s*., and some are paid as much as 1*l*. 10*s*.?—They are paid at the rate of 2*s*. 6*d*. a day. Those paid 1*l*. 10*s*. had been engaged twelve days, and

those paid 10s. would have been engaged but four days.

3659. Are most of these messengers voters?—Do you mean the long list?

3660. Yes?—I believe they are all lads.

3661. I suppose then they are sons of voters, mostly?—In some cases I know they were not. In some cases they were sons of widows with no relatives; but in the majority of cases they were necessarily the sons of voters.

3662. Then there is "printing and stationery," which does not strike me as excessive, I must say. It strikes you now, does it not, it is a little large that number of messengers; 49 messengers to 500 voters?—No doubt they were not absolutely necessary. For instance, some boys were employed for three or four days only, and went on their business then. They were not all employed the whole time.

3663. Then "cards and telegrams," and then "tickets" for passengers by special train," what does that mean?—I was asked by Mr. Hughes to get a special train to take people down to Deal for a public meeting. If you came to Deal you could not get back to Sandwich later than 9.30. It was desirable to have a train about 10.30 or 11, to bring them back, instead of having carriages to take them down and bring them back, and it was far cheaper to send them down by train. Then there was 3l. charged for the special train, and then the tickets. You will find there are two. There is one special train charged at 3l., and in the draft account I sent the secretary afterwards, there is an additional 3l., which I had previously omitted. I asked the station-master at Sandwich for it, and he told me it had been paid at Deal, and after I sent the account in, he sent the account, and it had not been paid.

3664. There is "Special train to Deal again;" is that the same thing?—Yes. You will find the two sets of tickets and one special train, and on turning to the draft account I sent to the secretary you will find the second special train, so that you can find two sums of 3l., and two sums for tickets. One was for the meeting when Lord George Hamilton came down.

3665. Then "Railway fare and refreshments for committee and clerks going to Deal." That is a small sum. I suppose that was necessary?—Yes. We were obliged to be in communication now and then. I saw very little indeed of Mr. Hughes during the contest.

3666. Then there were some bills incurred by individual members of the committee for colours, flags, &c. Does that mean the committee wore rosettes or colours themselves?—And for the town. I had a great dislike to going into them, and I got pitched into very much for not having ordered more flags and rosettes than there were. I told the members of the committee if they wanted any they had better take the responsibility on themselves, and order them; I would not. Mr. Hughes came over and complained of the small number I had, and promised to send me a lot over from Deal. I said I had no objection to it, but would not order them. Afterwards bills came in, and some were made out to the members of the committee who ordered them. I sent them on to Mr. Hughes to deal with as he liked, and, subsequently, he sent the money, and I paid them.

3667. You did not consider them as things absolutely necessary?—They were not absolutely necessary. I may say this, we put up no flags and got no colours of any kind until the opposition commenced and the blue flags were flying about.

3668. The other side began flying flags, did they?—Yes. I may say, so far as the persons go, three out of the five persons who supplied them were supporters of our opponents—three out of the tradesmen; one was Mrs. Hunter, or at any rate that was the place where the central committee room was held; and Mr. Rose and Mr. Elgood were both supporters of the Liberals.

3669. What is Mr. Hathaway—a member of your committee?—Yes.

3670. And Mr. Rigby?—That was for painting an inscription. Those are the only two of them our supporters.

3671. I suppose Mr. Hathaway ordered the flags and rosettes from himself for himself?—No.

3672. Who did then?—Individual members of the committee.

3673. He was a member of the committee?—Yes, but it was not for himself. I ordered some few myself for the horses' heads and carriages; it was the members of the committee who ordered them.

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3674. Then there was 31l. for canvassers; did you engage them?—Well, they were all working during the election, I believe; and after the election I told Mr. Baker and one or two others that I was going to send in the account and asked whether there was any one they thought should be remunerated for extra services they had rendered, and it was thought these men whose names appeared there, it was only fair they should have a present; they had worked very hard and it was only reasonable and fair to them to make them a present. I never said anything to them, but I included the names in the account. I sent to Mr. Hughes and told him I thought the amount set opposite their names was fair and reasonable and the men had fairly earned the money. He made no objection to it and sent the money. When I found the petition was likely to be heard I thought it best to wait before paying them. I never spoke to them about it, with the exception of one. I find I made a mistake when I was examined on the petition. I stated I paid none, but I find I paid Mr. Slaughter. The receipt will show when I paid it, and the receipts will show when I paid the others. In the other cases, until their names were read out in Court at the hearing of the petition, those men did not know they were to be paid anything at all. I had not promised them anything nor do I think anybody else did.

3675. Before the election had any bargain been made with them what they were to receive?—I do not think they had the slightest idea what they were to receive.

3676. There is considerable difference in the price paid to them; Brett and Bushell got 10l. each?—They were our prominent hard workers.

3677. Who did you say fixed the amounts opposite their names?—I put them opposite their names, but it was in conversation with members of the committee who knew what it was fair to offer them; both of those are master tradesmen, I believe.

3678. What is Brett?—He is a master bricklayer and Bushell is a leather-cutter. I think those amounts are altogether original; at any rate, there was no bargain made with them and the payments were not made in pursuance of any previous agreement. There is one of them not paid yet; Jenkins is his name; he has not been for his money and I have not paid him. I sent a message to him, but he has not been in yet. The others I paid, you will find, comparatively recently.

3679. I see there is a bill paid on account of Baron de Worms. Mr. Parker says there was no promise made, either by you or anybody else, that that bill of Baron de Worms should be paid?—I don't think so. I don't think Parker has been examined upon it at all.

3680. What is the history of that claim?—When the contest commenced I heard of this bill; it was thought a very reasonable one, and Mr. Parker, I believe, was a very respectable man, and the bill was undoubtedly due, and he ought to have been paid by somebody; but early in the contest I said it could not possibly be paid. I had nothing to do with that election and I could not pay it; later on it was paid. The date when it was paid will show the time, but I paid it on the same day that Mr. Edwin Hughes brought the bill to me and said it should be paid. I expressed much surprise that he should pay it, and he said, "I am agent for Baron de Worms, and conducted Greenwich election for him, and I will pay it as his agent." I suppose I looked possibly rather astonished at his paying Baron de Worms' bill for 1868; and he then went on to say that the accounts between them had not been closed, and he certainly intended to charge it to Baron de Worms' account. Under those circumstances he asked me to pay it, and I paid it, and said it was purely by the accident of Mr. Hughes being the agent of Baron de Worms that he got his money; that it was not paid by Mr. Crompton Roberts, he must understand; but was paid by the agent of Baron de Worms.

3681. What is Mr. Parker?—The landlord of the "Red Lion." He seemed to think it a great hardship on him, as a great portion of this bill was incurred by order of Baron de Worms' own brother.

3682. It was a bill for refreshments I suppose?—I don't know what it was for, I believe it was. I believe there was no doubt at all about the bill really being owing, and at the express request and direction of Mr. Hughes, I paid it with the full statement of his, certainly, that he should charge it to the account of Baron de Worms.

3683. You received first and last 250l. ?—Yes.

3684. Is that all that you received?—That is all I received except subsequently I received the balance. I

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sent the draft account to the secretary, and the final balance of the account I have since received. Mr. Hughes came down, it is the only time I have seen him since the election, and held a meeting here, in Deal, wrote to me that he would pay me the balance of the account, and I thought I might as well have the balance and so I did.

3685. What was the amount paid you then?—95*l.*, I think, it is 13*l.* more than the balance shown there, it is in the draft account.

3686. In this account there is a balance in your favour; you were not paid in full by 131*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* You told me there were certain items not paid afterwards, what sum did you receive to make the balance up. There is 131*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* short?—I gave the secretary the draft account. I have no other papers except what I sent down.

3687. 48*l.* 12*s.* I think it was?—Yes, and then I added the things I had previously omitted.

3688. That balance of 82*l.* is made up by the sums which you told me just now were disallowed?—I think I can tell you what they were, they were made up by the sums of 22*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* refreshments to clerks, messengers, &c., 42*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* the bills for colours, and 17*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, which to my astonishment Mr. Hughes did not send. I made the remark to him that that bill had been paid by his special request very early in the contest. I reminded him of it in a letter I sent him, a copy of which is among the papers I sent I think. I subsequently received the balance, 95*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.*, which would be the final balance.

3689. Is that all the money you received?—With the exception of the fee he sent me for myself.

3690. Apart from your own fee does that represent every sixpence you have received?—Every penny. I never received a farthing of any kind from any source other than that amount.

3691. And do the amounts which are here, represent all the expenditure that you have made in connexion with this election?—Every penny; rather more than I have had in fact. They represent all the claims I have had of any kind, all of which are not paid. In this draft amount which I sent to Mr. Hughes, I put paid against many of the items, and I ticked his account I think in some way or the other, and informed him those I had ticked had been paid and those unticked had not been paid, so as to show him exactly what the position was.

3692. You knew I suppose about the sending out of the voting cards before the election asking for the vote and so on?—They were sent over to be sent out by messengers; they had to be distributed by hand.

3693. Is this little packet the sort of thing or the exact thing that was sent to every voter (*handing same to the witness*)?—They were in envelopes when they came over, but the probability is this came in a letter to me. I have no doubt that represents exactly what was done. Oh, yes, there is the endorsement, which shows it—there is my own endorsement.

3694. You received a letter from Mr. Hughes as follows, "Dear sir. The letters herewith are to be "sorted and delivered as soon as possible; the printers "here have been delaying us. If you find that by "stamping them and posting they will be delivered "at once do so, but otherwise do it by reliable hands. "The enclosed documents are the enclosures in the "letters, and refer to the regatta at 1 and the train at "7-15, &c. to day. The other side offer 4*l.* 10 minutes "after polling. This is official. Yours truly, Edward "Hughes." Did Mr. Edward Hughes send you together for the purpose of your circulating it the letter asking the people to vote for Roberts and the form which they were to fill up if they proposed to do so?—I have no doubt whatever that these were altogether; you will find if you look at the back of the letter, that I have endorsed them as enclosures sent with voting cards.

3695. So that together with the cards, which showed them how they were to vote, with a large cross opposite Mr. Robert's name, there was sent, was there, a card which contained an announcement that there would be a regatta, commencing at 1 o'clock, on Whit-Monday, and that the pier would be open for the public by a free ticket, and that there would be attractions of various kinds, including the presentation of prizes by Mr. Crompton Roberts?—I have no doubt there was, I can only speak from seeing them together, and from the endorsement here made, I have not the slightest doubt that they were sent together.

3696. I suppose the electors of Sandwich thought that a very kind, thoughtful and generous thing on the part

of Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, I believe it did not come off, however.

3697. They would take the will for the deed; there was the will there at any rate?—Yes.

3698. Now I have asked you about what you received yourself alone and spent. We know now perfectly well, of course, what took place as regards the distribution of money at Sandwich. How far were you cognizant of that?—I was cognizant of it towards the latter part of the contest, from observations which fell from time to time from those engaged in it. I endeavoured, as far as possible, to avoid hearing anything, but I could not, of course, be quite blind to the fact that money was being paid or promised. The only thing I could do was to keep entirely clear from it, and not be in any way, either directly or indirectly, a medium of communication. I refused to have anything to do with it, and any communications made with people for the purpose of bribery were made without my previous knowledge, or the slightest arrangement with me. I was not the medium of making any arrangements or making the payments, and, in fact, I did not know exactly what payments were made, or exactly what was done. I know more now, since the Commission opened, than I ever knew before, for I have seen some of those engaged in it, and advised them what to do, and sent them down to see Mr. Baggally. Until then, really I did not know exactly to what extent it had gone. I could not help forming a pretty fair idea, of course.

3699. I daresay you have heard or read the evidence that has been given here by Mr. Olds, so you know what he refers to, and how far he was concerned, and what he did. Now, besides what has been given in evidence already as to the distribution of this money through Mr. Olds, do you know of any other distribution of money?—No; Mr. Olds has always been associated in my mind with the distribution of money.

3700. No one else?—No one else. My impression is, from what I have gathered, that he has been really the medium by which the money has been distributed. I have not heard of anybody else.

3701. You have not heard of anybody else, except Mr. Olds, receiving money for the purpose of distribution for bribery?—No, and I am not aware that he received it, except what I have heard.

3702. You know that as we know it?—Yes.

3703. I suppose you do not know, and have no means of knowing, from whom this money came which came to Mr. Olds's hands. Mr. Olds tells us it was a dark gentleman, whose name he did not know. Do you know who that person was?—I have not the slightest idea.

3704. You have never heard the man's name?—I have not; I do not know at all.

3705. You do not know at all who it was?—I do not know at all; I have no suspicion.

3706. Mr. Olds told us that the persons to whom he gave the money were Hughes, Giles, Hooper, Lock, and East. Those were the persons he made the medium for distributing this money in Sandwich; do you know whether there was anybody else who received money for distribution?—No. If you had asked me, I should not have named East. I should have named the other four as persons I guessed had money.

3707. But you did not know of anybody else?—No, but I should say there was nobody else likely to have any, except they were substitutes really, or got it from the others.

3708. (*Mr. Holl.*) You have told us what your view was and what your objects were with regard to the paying of the 18 houses?—Yes.

3709. You did not take them yourself?—I did not take any of them. I may have authorised, however, one or two of them.

3710. You don't know what the object of taking them, or the arrangement made by those who did take them was?—No, I don't, but I know that as to some of those that were taken by other people the persons had no votes, and I know also with reference to the others that I wrote and had them canvassed in the usual way, and that I never looked upon the taking of them as securing their votes.

3711. You do not know what arrangement was made by anybody who took them, or what their objects were?—No, I refused to accept them, until I was assured by Mr. Hughes that I was perfectly safe in doing so. Those were the first houses. Of course, later on, a few were engaged that I had knowledge of.

3712. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you know whether that Mr. John Drayson we were talking about just now who gave you

this receipt for 30L., is John Christopher Drayson?—No, certainly not. Mr. John Christopher Drayson is a very old gentleman, who has been Mayor of Sandwich in his time, and is one of the magistrates.

3713. (*Mr. Holl.*) Quite a different sort of man?—Yes, quite a different sort of man.

3714. (*Mr. Jeune.*) He is not I suppose George Foord Drayson?—No, George is, I think, a son of John Christopher Drayson. Mr. Hooper can tell you more about this John Drayson than I can. I took it from what he said, and, relying upon what he said, I paid him.

3715. I should like to ascertain this, because, if so, it certainly clears up your list completely. This John Drayson, who received this 3L., was not a voter, as far as I can see?—I could not say he was.

3716. There are three parishes in Sandwich?—Yes.

3717. There is John Christopher Drayson and George Foord Drayson, those are the only two Draysons, as far as I can see. (*After a pause.*) Oh! in St. Peter's parish there is John Drayson. He is a voter I see?—He lives somewhere near the market. I don't know the place.

3718. I see he is a voter, "John Drayson, Sandwich"?—I could not say positively one way or the other.

3719. John Christopher Drayson is quite a different man?—Yes.

3720. What canvassing book is that (*handing same to the witness*). Is this one of your canvassing books that you sent out?—This is a book in which the information got from time to time was worked up. This book in pencil was made out for the personal canvass of Mr. Crompton Roberts. They wanted to test the canvass; so, instead of giving him simply the old book with all the notes of the different canvassers in it, I gave him a clean book with which he would go round with a messenger named Hall, who was specially devoted to that duty, and he made his

own entries, and anything fresh worth entering in the other book, I entered it, but, if not, I took no notice of it.

3721. Who was sent round with him; Hall, do you say?—Yes, a man named Hall, who was a messenger, and devoted entirely to going round with the candidate. He was a man who knew the place thoroughly and accompanied him in the whole of his canvass.

3722. Are those pencil marks in his handwriting?—The pencil marks are in Mr. Crompton Roberts' handwriting, I think; I have no doubt about it.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) They look to me like it, too. I dare say Mr. Crompton Roberts can explain that book himself.

3723. (*Mr. Holl.*) Mr. Hughes, Mr. Giles, Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Lock were all members of the Conservative committee at Sandwich, I think?—Mr. Giles, Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Hughes were, I think; but I don't think Mr. Lock was. I think he came very late into it.

3724. Giles, Hughes, and Hooper were?—Yes.

3725. And East?—I don't think he was; I never saw him at the meeting. Of course there would have been others present at the meeting, not included in that list. Mr. Giles is not a voter; he is not within the borough.

3726. Hughes was a member, you say?—Yes.

3727. And Hooper?—Yes.

3728. Was Giles?—I believe he attended, but he was not actually in the borough.

3729. But he was an active man there?—Yes; he lived very close to the borough.

3730. Were East and Look active men of the Conservative party, whether on the committee or not?—I believe so. Of course I am not so acquainted as I should have been if I had been engaged in an election previously at Sandwich.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) Your evidence is very satisfactory, and we are much obliged to you.

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3731. (*Mr. Holl.*) You are an auctioneer and surveyor?—I am.

3732. And I think you took, to some extent, an active part on the Conservative side in the late election?—I did.

3733. You were not in any way, I believe, a paid agent?—I was not.

3734. You were a volunteer?—Yes.

3735. When did you first meet Mr. Roberts—where and when as nearly as you can remember?—I believe Mr. Spofforth mentioned yesterday that it was in consequence of a letter he received from me. I have a copy of that letter here (*handing same*).

3736. This is the letter you sent?—Yes, this is a copy of the letter I sent to Mr. Spofforth.

3737. I see this is a letter (I need not trouble to read it) intimating your impression that there would be a vacancy, as Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen would be likely to retire, and enquiring whether or not a candidate was coming forward in case that contingency occurred?—I made some memoranda.

3738. There are some memoranda?—Those are a few memoranda I made at the end as to what actually transpired afterwards.

3739. Then Mr. Spofforth wrote a reply?—He did, and he sent his clerk down.

3740. Have you Mr. Spofforth's letter?—Yes, I have the original here (*handing same*).

3741. From this note I should gather that you had had some previous communication with Mr. Spofforth, had you not?—No, I had had some business transactions with him, and I knew his clerk, Mr. Simmons.

3742. He uses the expression, "My client still thinks of you"?—Yes, I will explain that. In March, at the general election, the Conservatives had a meeting, and they determined not to fight the contest. Mr. Simmons, Mr. Spofforth's clerk, came down here and said Mr. Spofforth had a client who was willing to come down and fight the Conservative cause here if we wished, but we were pretty well represented and satisfied, and we decided that we would not contest the borough. Then, when this other vacancy occurred, recollecting the conversation I had had with Mr. Simmons, I wrote the letter to Mr. Spofforth which you have a copy of.

3743. Then Mr. Simmons came down?—He did.

3744. And he met some of the Conservatives?—He met Dr. Hulke, Mr. William Nethersole, and myself at Dr. Hulke's house.

3745. I may take it that Dr. Hulke, Mr. Nethersole, and yourself were what I may call the leading members of the Conservative party?—We take an interest in the Conservative party.

3746. Can you tell me the names of any other parties here who are what I may call the leading men of the Conservative party?—Yes, George Denne. Then there is Mr. Wise, but he does not take an active part. Most of the principal tradesmen who are on the Conservative side take a part in it at election time.

3747. You say most of the principal tradesmen are on the Conservative side?—Who are on the Conservative side.

3748. Who are they; do you remember the names of any of them; Mr. Olds?—Yes.

3749. Mr. Ralph?—Yes.

3750. What is his Christian name, do you know?—There are two Ralphs.

3751. Which do you mean is a leading man on the Conservative side?—I do not know about a leading man; he takes an active part. J. J. Ralph, he is a blacksmith.

3752. William Frost Spears?—He is a boatman.

3753. Is he an active man?—Yes.

3754. George Henry Denne?—Yes.

3755. He is a builder?—Yes.

3756. J. J. Wise, is that the Mr. Wise that you spoke of?—Mr. J. J. Wise is a Conservative, but he does not take an active part in Conservative matters.

3757. James Wise of Middle Deal, what is he?—He is a retired tradesman, I believe.

3758. He is an active man?—Yes, on this election.

3759. Myhill, he is a waterman?—No, he is a pilot.

3760. Mr. Mackie?—Yes; he is a pilot.

3761. Mr. Edward Kynaston?—Yes; he is a gentleman living at Walmer. This was the first election at which he, I believe, has been an elector here.

3762. Mr. Henry Spears, is he an active man?—Yes.

3763. Are there any others which you remember at this moment who are what one may call active?—There are so many that one can scarcely recollect. If I went down the list I could point out the names as I came to them.

3764. Mr. Simmons met, you say, Dr. Hulke, Mr. Nethersole, and yourself?—Yes.

3765. What then took place?—He simply stated that he had come down from Mr. Crompton Roberts, who would meet us, if agreeable, the next day, he would come on to Deal. He did come the next day, and we met him

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at the Royal Hotel, I think it was, at half past 12. Mr. William Nethersole had an engagement that day, he could not meet him, so that Dr. Hulke and myself saw him.

3766. Dr. Hulke and yourself met Mr. Crompton Roberts at the Royal Hotel?—Yes.

3767. At that time was any arrangement made between Mr. Crompton Roberts, Dr. Hulke, and yourself as to what steps should be taken?—No, nothing at all. He simply came down to offer himself as a candidate in the Conservative cause. I then arranged that same evening to have a meeting at the Royal Hotel of some few gentlemen from Sandwich, some few from Walmer and Deal, to decide as to who we should adopt as a candidate, as we had two other gentlemen who had also offered themselves. We had the meeting at the Royal Hotel that evening, but the meeting did not come to any final decision. There was an officer in the Royal Marines who I believe was contesting Gravesend, he offered himself, and we were hesitating between Mr. Crompton Roberts and this gentleman. Whilst we had the meeting this officer of the Royal Marines sent in his card to Dr. Hulke, and he came in, so we had Mr. Crompton Roberts and him both there that evening, but we came to no decision.

3768. When did you come to a decision?—On the 4th of May, I think it was, when we saw that Mr. Knatchbull Huggessen had been raised to the peerage, and that Sir John Adye was going to fill his place; the papers said that it was arranged that Sir John Adye would take his place, but as we were not parties to the arrangement we meant to upset it.

3769. What arrangements did you make?—I immediately telegraphed to Mr. Crompton Roberts in Mr. Nethersole's name—Mr. Nethersole was away. I saw Dr. Hulke first, and I telegraphed to Mr. Roberts that I thought he had better come down at once. We had a meeting that evening, several gentlemen came from Sandwich and Walmer, and we decided to nominate Mr. Crompton Roberts at the election. Mr. Crompton Roberts arrived whilst we were discussing at the meeting, and was unanimously adopted as a candidate, and he was advised then to get to work canvassing as soon as possible. Next day I had a business engagement in Canterbury in the afternoon, and I was obliged to go away, in the meanwhile I put on two or three clerks to arrange the register in street lists as far as possible. I came back from Canterbury by the 7.40 train reaching Deal, and on my arrival I was informed that a gentleman had come down from London to conduct the election for Mr. Crompton Roberts. I was then introduced to Mr. Hughes. He came to my office. He said, "I do not want to interfere with you in any way if you want to conduct the election." I said, "No, you are much better able to conduct the election than I am." He put the papers in his pocket, he went to the Royal Hotel, and the next day I turned over the staff of clerks which I had engaged to him.

3770. Before it was decided, and from the time it was decided, to adopt Mr. Crompton Roberts as a candidate, did any conversation take place between you as to the expense of fighting the borough?—No.

3771. Was it not said that it was necessary to have a man who had got means and would spend money?—No, I never mentioned anything about monetary affairs to Mr. Crompton Roberts at all, and I never heard anything mentioned to him in my presence.

3772. Nothing was mentioned to him in your presence?—Not in the slightest degree.

3773. You say you handed over all your papers to Mr. Hughes?—I did.

3774. Did anyone request you to undertake any department?—Yes. I think, about three days after that, I will not be sure whether it was three days, I had a heavy sale on, and I could not attend to anything but my own business, and I did not go near the committee room for a couple of days, but on the third day, I think it was, I was down at the committee room. People bothered Mr. Hughes for flags and colours, and he said, "I wish someone would take this off my hands." I said, "What is it?" He said, "To look after the flags and colours. I suppose we shall be bound to have them, but we shall not have them unless the other side do." I said, "Very well, I will undertake anything of that sort."

3775. You say Mr. Hughes came down on the 5th?—Yes.

3776. You were engaged for two or three days?—I will not be sure. I expect this would be about Friday, about the 7th.

3777. You said you would undertake that department?—Yes.

3778. Did he give you authority to do what you thought proper with regard to that?—He said, "I will leave it entirely in your hands."

3779. He did not give you any instructions as to what you should do?—Nothing at all. He simply referred everyone who asked him for flags to me, and that was a very great many.

3780. He authorized you to do what you thought necessary?—Yes.

3781. Then you did, in point of fact, take the whole of that department yourself?—I did, for Deal and Walmer. I ultimately gave up Walmer, some few days afterwards, and left it in the hands of Marley, because I had quite enough to do with Deal.

3782. You seem to have done your work very efficiently?—I had the credit of not doing it half enough.

3783. Did you take any part in this election except in this flag and colour department?—None at all.

3784. Not in canvassing?—No. There are some extracts from the bills (*handing same*), which I think have already been filed, as to what was actually supplied in the shape of flags and colours.

3785. I see you sent in an account of what you had either paid or rendered yourself liable for?—Yes. I may explain that I made the payments at different times. As soon as I had incurred responsibilities to the amount of 100*l.* I sent to Mr. Hughes and asked him for a cheque.

3786. I will ask you about that. Before I go to the account I will ask you this, you gave orders for certain goods?—Yes.

3787. And as soon as you had incurred, as you say, responsibilities for about 100*l.* you sent and asked Mr. Hughes for a cheque?—I did.

3788. You got a cheque from him?—Yes, about a day or two afterwards.

3789. How soon after did you get that first cheque, do you remember the day?—I do not. The cheque was payable to bearer. I went to the bank and got the money, and went and paid the accounts myself or sent my clerk. I paid them immediately.

3790. You cannot remember what day that was?—I cannot, but I think it is stated on the particulars which I furnished on the Petition inquiry.

3791. Was it the 14th May; that would be about the date I expect?—Something like that.

3792. And at that time you told Mr. Hughes about the extent of the liabilities you had incurred?—That was all then.

3793. And what for?—Yes.

3794. That was about 100*l.*?—I think, by the bye, I had incurred a greater liability at that time, but I said, "Give me 100*l.* for the present, because people do not care about supplying colours on a second account until they had been paid the first."

3795. You got on the following day, the 15th, another 100*l.*?—Yes.

3796. At that time you had incurred, I suppose, liabilities to the extent of something over 200*l.*?—Yes; and then I told Mr. Hughes I thought it was time to stop.

3797. Then the day before the election you got another 100*l.*?—Yes.

3798. And after the election you got 70*l.*?—Yes, and since that I have had 30*l.* to pay the two accounts which were owing at the time the Petition was outstanding. I have paid altogether about 400*l.*

3799. This account altogether is 331*l.* 13*s.*?—I do not know. I filed all the accounts at Sandwich, and I think there are vouchers for every account.

3800. Just take that summary (*handing same*). I will go through it afterwards; we will take the total first. The account, including Chapman and Loyns' account, is 331*l.* 13*s.*?—Yes.

3801. In addition to that there is paid messengers account, 14*l.* 18*s.* That really is not for messengers. That is for men delivering flagstuffs, and boys, paid clerk keeping register of flags lent out, paid men in charge of banners, boys holding cords to ditto, men employed to protect flags and devices, messengers, and paid putting up flagpoles at Mr. Gosley's; that is 14*l.* 16*s.*?—Yes.

3802. The flags, colours, and rosettes included in the account for 331*l.* 13*s.* were for Deal?—Yes.

3803. Then there is an account from Marley for flags

at Walmer, 52*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*, making 398*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.*?—That is it.

3804. That does not include 42*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*, which is part of Cloke's account at Sandwich which has since been paid?—No.

3805. That makes 441*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*, and it does not include, I think, an item of 33*l.* 6*s.*, Chapman, to bows for canvassers?—I do not know. I had nothing to do with that. I do not think it includes that item. There are bills for every item in that list.

3806. I think it does not include that, nor does it include a sum of 279*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.* for poles and cordage?—No.

3807. Adding the poles and cordage and Chapman's account for rosettes supplied to canvassers, and Mr. Cloke's account, 42*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* for flags at Sandwich, it comes to 754*l.* 10*s.*?—Quite likely.

3808. Now we will run through a few of the items. I see the first item is Dunn. That is for some goods ordered at a fancy shop, is it not?—Yes, there were two bills.

3809. That is 13*l.* 13*s.* Mr. Dunn is a voter?—This was ordered of Mrs. Dunn, who is a milliner.

3810. Mr. Dunn is a voter?—Yes, I expect he is.

3811. What was that for?—For rosettes.

3812. The next is Cattermole?—That is for making rosettes.

3813. That is 2*l.* 5*s.* Mr. Cattermole is a voter?—Yes.

3814. The next is Read for making flags?—3*l.* 6*s.*

3815. Mrs. Read's husband is a voter?—I think there were several Mr. Read's daughters, and some others.

3816. At any rate he is a voter?—I do not think you must recognise him in the transaction at all, because Mr. Read has called on me since and told me he had nothing to do with it at all. The account was simply made out in the name of Read, but I think four females made them.

3817. Still they are members of his household?—I do not think they are.

3818. Are neither of them, neither his wife nor daughter?—One of his daughters, I believe.

3819. We will pass over that, it is not a very large item. The next is Knight, Dolphin Street, 6*l.* 12*s.* Is that for making rosettes?—Yes.

3820. Her brother is a voter?—I do not think so. She is a milliner.

3821. But her brother is a voter?—I do not know.

3822. The next is Wilkins, tailor, for making flags, 5*l.* 15*s.* He is a voter?—Yes.

3823. The next is Bennett 1*l.* for making flags?—Yes.

3824. Her husband is a voter?—I do not know. I am not sure about that.

3825. The next is Pittock, tailor, for rosettes, 39*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.* What quantity of rosettes does that represent?—It is all set out in the account.

3826. It is not all for rosettes, because some of it is for red twill for flags?—I think there were 200 or 300 yards of twill for rosettes, and there is one thing in that account which Mr. Spofforth could not have explained when he was heard the other day. I think you have a note made about that on the petition—"Not in his books." Mr. Jeune, I think, asked him the question. I can tell you how that came on the particulars. When the particulars were delivered in the petition Mr. Hughes asked me to enquire into those matters that personally affected the Respondent, Mr. Roberts. Amongst other things he was charged with having bribed Mr. Pittock by giving him a large order for flags, and I called on Mr. Pittock and asked him what he had to say to it. "Well," he said, "I have not his name on my books." I must have written to Mr. Spofforth, or seen him, and so he put against it, "Not in his books," meaning that Mr. Roberts' name was not on Mr. Pittock's books at all. I had given the order. That is how it came on the particulars.

3827. That was the order for 39*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.* for rosettes and twill?—Yes.

3828. Mackins, 3*l.* 11*s.* He is a publican?—I think this may be his sister.

3829. How came he to be supplying bows and flags?—His sister is a milliner at Walmer.

3830. But he is a voter?—Yes, but he is quite independent of them who made these.

3831. You think this was the sister?—I think so.

3832. There is Solly, 18*l.* 13*s.* That is Mrs. Solly, but I see the receipt is signed by her husband. He is a voter?—Yes, I expect so.

3833. Barrett, publican, making bows, 1*l.* 10*s.* He is a voter?—Yes, I expect so.

3834. His wife made them, perhaps?—In all instances they came down to me to see if I could not give them an order to make bows. So-and-so and so-and-so were making them, why could not I give them an order. I said, "Well as we shall want bows you can make two or three dozen."

3835. A great many people wanted this work?—Yes, they came to me and solicited it. If I had turned to every one this list would have been four times as long as this.

3836. With the exception of two or three they are all voters?—Yes, and there were a good many more. This does not represent a third of what applied in Deal to me I should think.

3837. The next is Philps, 8*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* He is a voter?—Yes, I expect so.

3838. The next is Mockitt, 4*l.* 10*s.* for nine dozen favours. Her husband is a voter?—No, I do not think so. I think she is a widow.

3839. If you look at the register you will see the name of Mockitt down as a voter?—I will not be sure.

3840. Do you know the address of the person who made the favours?—I do not unless it is on the bill.

3841. Then there is Pointer & Co., 9*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*; that is for cambric?—Yes.

3842. The members of the firm were voters?—Yes, I expect so; but there is also an item on the other side Pointer & Co., which I heard read this morning. I know there is.

3843. Then there is Elliott, 2*l.* 16*s.* Her husband is a voter?—Yes. This was the daughter.

3844. The receipt is signed by him?—Yes, or the daughter who solicited the order.

3845. The receipt is signed by Mr. Elliott?—It is quite likely.

3846. The next is Kemball, 13*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.* He is a voter?—Yes.

3847. The next is Selth, 10*s.* That is a small sum, but her husband is a voter. The next is Laker, 1*l.*, her husband is a voter. The next is Grigg 7*s.* 6*d.*, that is a small one. Then there is Bennett, Hawkins, and Wilkins 3*l.*, the husbands of those three are voters?—Yes, it is quite likely they would be. I will not be sure.

3848. They live in three successive houses, 21, 22, and 23, Gladstone Road, and are all voters. The next is Pearson 2*l.*?—Her husband is a voter.

3849. The next is Tomlin 2*l.* 14*s.* I think he is not a voter; but the next, Hunter 2*l.* for rosettes, is a voter. The next is Chapman, draper, 47*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.*; he is a voter?—Yes.

3850. That is in addition to 33*l.* 6*s.* for rosettes made for canvassers?—I suppose so.

3851. That makes altogether 80*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* for Chapman. The next is Horne who is a voter 9*s.* 8*d.*, and the next is Chandler who is a voter. I think there was one bill for Chandler before. This bill is 13*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*?—I do think there is one Chandler before.

3852. That is for bows?—Not all of it, I think.

3853. He is a tailor?—Yes, but it is not all for bows. That is for twill. I got Chandler to get me some. We could not get enough twill, and I did not like to get it from any of the drapers on the other side, so I got him to go round and get it for me, and he charged it in his account.

3854. Have you any bill showing the quantity of rosettes or things supplied by Chapman—have you had any account?—Yes, the bills were all there with the items, and the numbers were on them.

3855. I see that this bill of Chapman's for 47*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.*, is in addition to 17*l.* 9*s.*, which is also to Chapman in your own account, the last item but one?—Which was unpaid—it has been paid since.

3856. It is in your account 64*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*?—I may explain why that account was so large. We could not get sufficient rosettes and cambric for the flags, so I got Mr. Chapman to get other people to make them and bring the bills in to me, and also to go round to the different shops in the town to get the materials we wanted. Our colours being purple and orange, were not so easy to get as blue.

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3857. I understand so many people applied to you for work that you had to turn them away?—Yes, to make the rosettes.

3858. There were 350 yards of cambric and about 60 dozen rosettes in this one account. Then we have got Huntley 14l. 8s. 9d., he is a voter. Brown 3s., he is a voter. Then there is Pritchard 10l. 17s. 10d. for rope and twine—he is a voter, and then there is Franklin, a voter, for rosettes again, 39l. 10s. 5d., and Adams 1l. 16s. Huntley again, a voter?—The same Huntley.

3859. That makes 28l. 17s. 3d. Then there is Durban 3l., a voter, and Blogg 1l. 7s., he is not a voter. That is the third of the people who were not voters?—I do not think it was Durban who made that.

3860. You think the Durban who made that was not a voter?—No.

3861. He was the husband?—I think he had nothing to do with it.

3862. I see you have taken out a summary of the quantities?—Yes, as near as I could get them.

3863. There is twill 1,118 yards and cambric 2,078 yards, making for those two materials 3,196 yards, and from that you say you made 600 flags—1,600 yards, leaving 1,596 yards, and that was given away to women and children?—To make flags themselves. We could not make them fast enough.

3864. Then half the quantity purchased was given away?—For people to make them up themselves. We could not make them fast enough.

3865. Within four yards of half of it was given away to people to make the flags themselves?—Yes, it was the purple and orange cambric—it was very common material, glazed lining in fact.

3866. You managed to divide the rosettes one for each, voter?—They wanted more—they wanted one for every child in the family, and this is a noted place for children. They were given principally to the women. They used to come with the children in their arms, “Mr. Usher give me a rosette, I have not had one,” and then they wanted so many for so many children they had at home.

3867. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is the population of Deal and Walmer?—I think 13,000.

3868. That is including Sandwich is it not?—No.

3869. I think so?—I will not be sure. The population of Deal Proper is 8,000 and something.

3870. The flags mentioned in this account were independent of 240 flags which were made by Chapman?—Yes.

3871. So that altogether, besides the 1,600 yards which you gave away to people to make their own flags, you made 840 flags?—Yes, there was a flag out of nearly every house in the town, in fact if the election had lasted another week we should not have seen the houses at all for flags.

[Adjourned for a short time.]

3872. I understand you received three sums of 100l. each prior to the election, and 70l. afterwards?—And 30l.

3873. That was to pay Lloyns and Chapman?—Yes; 28l.

3874. Beyond that, have you received any sums at all?—No.

3875. You paid Marley's account, did you not?—Yes, that is included in that. I gave him a cheque out of the 400l. I gave Marley a cheque for 52l., I think, to pay him.

3876. That was paid out of that amount?—Yes.

3877. You received altogether 400l. exactly?—Yes.

3878. Is that all the money you received in connexion with the election?—Yes.

3879. Directly or indirectly?—Directly or indirectly.

3880. From anyone?—From anyone. I have received a cheque since, but it has nothing to do with the election, it is simply on account of this year's registration.

3881. You have received nothing beyond 400l., directly or indirectly from anyone?—No.

3882. Do these accounts, which you have handed in, and which I have been referring to, 14l. 16s., 831l. 18s., and 52l. 8s. 11d., represent all the claims that you have had in respect of this election?—No, they do not.

3883. What others have you had?—I have had an account rendered to me by Messrs. Frost, Brothers, for some flags that they supplied, but of which I was not cognizant, and gave no order for, therefore I declined to recognise it.

3884. Who are Frost, Brothers?—Ironmongers in the town.

3885. What is the amount of that?—I forget what the amount was, but there were two different bills; I think, to the best of my recollection, they amount to about 7l. I will not be sure, but it is not larger than that, I think.

3886. Have you had any other claims made upon you?—Not any—well, one man of the name of Redman, he keeps the “True Briton,”—brought me a bill for refreshments which he had supplied. It is a public-house at Walmer. I will not be sure whether it is the “True Briton.” I told him I knew nothing about it, and, therefore, I declined to have anything to do with it.

3887. What was the amount of that?—Somewhere about 8s. or 9s., or something like that. There is one other item which does not appear in the account, which I have paid myself, which I might mention to you. I paid 2l. to my father to go to Canterbury to get a man out of the Canterbury Hospital, who was very ill, but the doctor said he would be well enough to come down and vote, provided he had someone to take care of him, and travel in a comfortable carriage. I therefore paid my father 2l., and asked him to go to Canterbury to bring this man out, to have a fly from the hospital to the station, and from the station back again, and also to go back again to Canterbury, which he did.

3888. Did that include the expense of coming over?—Everything; that included his own railway fare and the man's; his was a double railway fare.

3889. That was to pay all the expenses of that?—Yes.

3890. Both the expenses of the man and his coming over?—Yes, and I think he was about a shilling or so out of pocket.

3891. Where you aware of any corrupt practices by money being distributed, or anything of that kind?—No, I was not actually aware of it, but I had a suspicion that it was so.

3892. Do you know, or had you any suspicion, or any ground for believing that any money was distributed, beyond what Mr. Olds told us of, with reference to the 1,200l. which came down on the Monday before the election?—I have not any idea at all upon the subject. I did not hear Mr. Olds' evidence upon the point; personally I have no knowledge of any money at all, and my only suspicions are gathered from outside chatter which I have heard. I may mention that there are two charges made against me in the particulars of bribery, which I utterly deny, in fact, it is a villanous lie, whoever put it in there.

3893. (*Mr. Turner.*) You were not called then?—I was called, and I denied it. With respect to the flags I gave out, I may say that flags that I considered of any value, possibly worth 12s. or 14s., I simply issued as a loan, and took a receipt from the persons that they were to return them on demand, but it so happened that during the whole of the election, we had such a strong north-easterly wind that there were very few flags which were worth anything by the time the election was over. I got some back. A flag that I considered to be of any value I took a receipt for.

3894. (*Mr. Holl.*) What became of them?—I have some now; those that were worth collecting.

3895. The flag poles, I understand, were only hired?—I had nothing to do with those at all, in fact, we did not put any flags up until the opposite party did, although we had the flag poles and the flags.

3896. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Were the flags and rosettes on the other side as large as yours do you think?—I am afraid there was much rivalry on either side to have large flags. If A. who lived at 100, Lower Street had a blue flag, and B. was a Conservative, he would try and cover it with a larger one; and C., who lived next door, would have a larger flag still, so they tried to cover up with flags. It became too great, and I was obliged to give it up before the election.

3897. You think when once the display of colours begins, it is pretty sure to be carried to a great height?—Yes, to extremes, and there is no meaning in it, nothing at all, it is simply utterly useless expenditure, that is my opinion about it, but absolutely necessary. Some of them would come and blackguard me. “If you do not give me a flag, I will not vote.” I said, “Very well, you can do just what you like.” I had some large rosettes in my office, and some person came in and wanted a rosette; he had one given to him, but he did not think it large enough. I told him he could not have one. He said, “Why can't I have one.” I said, “They are for horses.” He said, “Well, aint we better than horses; we have votes and they have not.”

3898. (*Mr. Holl.*) You had a much larger display of flags on this occasion?—Yes, a larger display, but they were all of no value. I have seen at elections here, 20 or 28 years ago, some very handsome flags; but here I should say there was not a flag exhibited worth more than a sovereign, barring the flag I had made.

3899. During the last 10 or 15 years there has been no expenditure for flags to any extent?—No; these were all cambric flags, glazed lining, and they would fly to pieces very soon. The best flag we had during the whole election was one to carry in front of the band on the day of the election, for which I paid 3*l.*, I think.

3900. You began getting ready?—Yes; we were told we had a man with plenty of means. But the opposite side said, "If yours can spend 2,000*l.*, ours can spend 4,000*l.*, and if yours can spend 4,000*l.*, ours can spend 8,000*l.*;" so we were jolly well sure it would be a sharp contest."

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3906. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gentleman.

3907. You appear to have taken an active part in this election, on the part of Sir Julian, at Deal?—I suppose I might call myself almost private secretary to Mr. Edwards, more than anything else.

3908. I see from the return made by Mr. Edwards that you appear to have taken upon yourself the employment of the messengers?—No, I did not; they were employed by Wyman and Lownds. I paid them, but not employed them.

3909. You appear to have paid them a sum of 124*l.* 2*s.*?—Yes.

3910. What class of people were those messengers; principally watermen?—Boatmen. There were a few some tradesmen's sons, and some board boys.

3911. Have you any list of them?—Unfortunately, Mr. Edwards has lost the list, but I have a rough copy of the account. I handed in the list to him. There is every amount, and the total (*handing an account to the Commissioner*). You will see an item of 23*l.* 6*s.*, and 99*l.*, making up the amount.

3912. There are no names here?—No. I handed the list to Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Edwards appears to have lost it.

3913. How many messengers were there then?—I think there were something like 230 or 250.

3914. For Deal?—Yes. They were not all employed upon one day, you will understand. Perhaps 30 or 40 were employed upon one day, and 30 or 40 upon another, and so on.

3915. They were not employed all through the election?—Some were employed for two days, and some for the whole time. Where there were messengers who were really useful to us, such as we could depend upon, they would be kept on right through.

3916. Had you many applications to employ them?—Yes; we could have employed double the number.

3917. You employed more than you wanted because of the number?—Yes, they are the greatest nuisance in an election.

3918. How many regular messengers did you employ throughout the whole time?—I should think perhaps 20 or 30.

3919. Out of the 200?—Yes; the others were employed every day.

3920. What did you pay them?—The board boys we paid 2*s.* a day; if they were a little older we paid them 2*s.* 6*d.*; young lads 3*s.* or 3*s.* 6*d.*; young men 4*s.*, and the men 5*s.*

3921. Boys who were employed at 2*s.* a day—what age were they?—I should think they were 10 or 12 years old.

3922. They were messengers?—They were board boys—not messengers—carrying boards.

3923. You say they were all employed, but some of them were employed every day?—Every day.

3924. Every day during the election?—Yes, every day.

3925. What was the time they were employed?—There were a quantity of bills to take out, and there was a good deal of literature going on; there is always employment for those sort of things; we could have done with a less number.

3926. How many could you have done with?—I should think, if we had had about 40 good ones, it would have been ample for us—from 40 to 50.

3901. In fact you intended to have a good display of this kind?—We meant to win if popularity would win. The fact is, we had the popular man, and they had not.

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3902. When you say "the popular man," what do you mean?—Mr. Roberts, in his manner, was a genial kind of man; he was, I should say, a large-hearted man, and Sir Julian was a different kind of man altogether.

3903. A pleasant sort of man?—He was in his bearing courteous to everyone, and Sir Julian treated everybody, in my opinion, in a sort of supercilious manner, as if he was infinitely superior to the whole lot of us here; but we did not think so.

3904. (*Mr. Jeune.*) If Mr. Crompton Roberts had been the Liberal, and Sir Julian had been the Conservative, do you think Mr. Crompton Roberts would have beaten Sir Julian?—I do.

3905. (*Mr. Holl.*) He had got a start too?—Yes, we had six days' start.

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3927. Were they the sons of voters, these boys whom you employed?—I really cannot say. I took good care there should be no voters among them. I made all inquiry about that. I will give you an instance: One morning I wanted a messenger to go over to Sandwich, and I went to the passage and said I wanted a man to go to Sandwich, and there was a man there of the name of Elliott who has figured a good deal in this election. I said, "What are you here for, Elliott?" He said, "I am a voter." I said, "Yes, but you cannot be employed." He begged very hard for me to let him go, and I did let him go to Sandwich. I gave him something for refreshments and paid his railway fare. The next day I saw him wearing the Conservative colour because he would not be employed.

3928. That is the man who has disappeared?—Yes, that is the very man; he said he was offended by me because I would not employ him.

3929. You have told us, I think, that there were 230 altogether employed?—Yes, about 230.

3930. How many days were most of them employed?—I should think, to take the average, three to four days. I think you will see the amounts against them which some of them, perhaps 1*l.* and perhaps 3*s.*

3931. Who supplied you with money to pay these?—Mr. Edwards.

3932. After the election or before the election?—I had some before the election and some after—the greater part after the election. We paid 23*l.* 6*s.* (I think you will see two items there) on the Saturday for messengers for this very reason—there had been a north-east wind for a very long time, and there was a great deal of real want in the town. I was gone home to tea, and a message came that these men had been bothering Sir Julian very much that they should have some money; some of them said they had no bread to eat, and would I pay them. It was a very unusual thing to pay them before the election, but some of them I paid the 23*l.*—those who pressed very hard, and the remainder was paid afterwards.

3933. Then there is an item, "Personation agents, guides, clerks, canvassers, poll clerks, and committee clerks, 61*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*." Can you tell me how many of those you employed?—I have retained the rough copy (*handing same*). Mr. Edwards had the other.

3934. You give us the names here?—I give you the names there.

3935. Some of these are voters, I think?—Some of those are voters. I will tell you which are voters if you call them down.

3936. Finnis is a voter?—No.

3937. Riley?—No.

3938. Arthur Frost?—No.

3939. Camburn?—No.

3940. Ramwell?—No.

3941. Kingsford?—No.

3942. Finnis, W.?—No.

3943. Fitch, W.?—No.

3944. Fitch, J.?—No.

3945. Pettitt, T. A.?—Yes.

3946. Reynolds?—He is a voter.

3947. Round, Walter?—No.

3948. One dozen delivery clerks, Barlow guide?—He is a voter.

3949. What is the meaning of guides?—They went

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round with Sir Julian and Lady Goldsmid to show them where the voters lived.

3950. King, Murray?—No.

3951. Lownds?—He is a voter.

3052. Then there is a name lower down, Fitch?—He is a voter.

3953. Penny?—He is a voter.

3954. White?—No.

3955. Kitchen?—Yes, Kitchen is a voter, but nothing to do with that.

3956. Mose?—Yes, he is a voter.

3957. Those are the persons that you employed?—Yes, they were used as clerks and poll clerks, and in some cases personating agents too.

3958. Had a man 4*l.* for one day for being a poll clerk?—No, the whole of the time and poll clerk as well.

3959. The 4*l.* covers the whole of the election?—The whole of it. I told you what we gave them, the clerks 7*s.* a day; they worked on Sundays, and Mr. Edwards said that they were to have double pay, and on the day of the election we gave them 10*s.*

3960. That makes up the 4*l.*?—That makes up the 4*l.* in each case.

3961. Barlow, the guide, was that all the time?—Yes.

3962. Were the guides always at their service, they did not go with them every day?—Yes, every day.

3963. (*Mr. Holl.*) They were paid 10*s.* a day apparently?—Yes.

3964. In your further account there is an item "T. C. Hall, for out-voters, 15*l.*."?—Yes, 15*l.* on account; he had to attend to the out-voters, he asked me for money; first of all I gave him 10*l.* and 5*l.*, or 5*l.* first and 10*l.* afterwards.

3965. Who were these out-voters?—Persons living at a distance. Mr. Hall is a solicitor.

3966. Do you know how many there were of them?—There were not many, there were something like three or four of them; one or two came from Scotland I know. I can explain the whole of that 15*l.* not being expended. Mr. Hall has rendered an account of that in his regular account.

3967. He has not had it deducted from his fee?—No.

3968. He has returned some of it I am told?—He has not returned any of it, only in his account.

3969. Do you know how much he has expended of this 15*l.*?—I think about 9*l.*, but I am not quite certain.

3970. "Pilcher, Canterbury election agent, 15*l.*," what is that?—He is the son of Mr. Pilcher; he came over here, and I was very glad to have him down to attend to the routine of the election, and I gave him 5*l.*; there is his receipt for it.

3971. "Goymer, 12*l.*."?—He was what you call the head clerk of the whole; he was up day and night, he took the whole of that department upon him, and he was a personating agent as well.

3972. Where were his quarters?—At the "Star and Garter," the head committee room. There were two 25*l.* you have not mentioned in that account which should have really come into my account, and yet I don't think they ought, but still they passed through my hands. There is 25*l.* to Warner, and 25*l.* to Watts of the "Railway" inn. They wanted money on account

of the election. Warner's arose in this way. Sir Julian came in after he had been round canvassing, and he found a party in very great distress. He said they were not voters, and would I send someone to relieve them. Warner happened to be in the room, and I said, "Will you undertake that duty?" He said he would. Then he said, "I have no money to go on with." I mentioned it to Mr. Edwards, who said, "You had better let him have 25*l.* on account of the election," and he was to render an account, which he has not done yet.

3973. Then Watts, what is that?—Watts of the "Railway" inn. That was a district committee room. He applied for 25*l.* on account of the election. I applied to Mr. Edwards, and he had it. He handed it to me to hand it over to him, as he was not there.

3974. Are those all the moneys you have had to do with?—The whole of them, nothing more. It will make 303*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, I think. 295*l.* I have really had, and there were 2*l.* 2*s.* which Mr. Edwards put into my account, which makes it 297*l.*

3975. 289*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, and then there are two 25*l.*, which makes 289*l.* 14*s.*?—Then there is Lownds' account, 14*l.*

3976. What is that?—He was the principal man to attend to the board boys. Mr. Edwards told me to give him 14*l.*, and I did so.

3977. He looked after the board boys during the election?—Yes.

3978. What is he?—He is a tailor by trade, but he is not able to work; he had an accident.

3979. Is he a voter?—Yes.

3980. That makes 303*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

3981. (*Mr. Holl.*) You have had 297*l.*?—I have had 295*l.*, but Mr. Edwards has charged two guineas in my account which he omitted.

3982. (*Mr. Turner.*) Have you received any other moneys in connexion with the election?—Not a penny.

3983. Have you paid any others?—I have not paid any others, nor had any other demand.

3984. Have you made any other promises, or incurred any other liabilities?—No, not anything.

3985. Who were you principally in communication with?—Mr. Edwards. You may say I was his confidential clerk more than anything else.

3986. Did you hear anything about the money being brought down by Mr. Foord?—No, the first I heard of it was in this Court. I was not aware of it.

3987. (*Mr. Holl.*) You did not know any money had come down at all?—No. Mr. Edwards never told me anything at all about it.

3988. You say you are Mr. Edwards' confidential clerk?—I said you might call me that; I did not say I was.

3989. You were in his confidence—I only meant to follow your own idea—you were very much in his confidence?—Yes.

3990. Do you say you never heard of this money coming down?—No, I did not.

3991. Not until to-day?—I cannot tell you. I do not suppose I saw Mr. Edwards all the election except the first day or two, but any transaction of that kind was done outside the committee room altogether. I knew nothing about it; I do not suppose they would like me to know.

3992. (*Mr. Turner.*) As you were a confidant of Mr. Edwards we thought you might know?—No, I do not.

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(*The Witness.*) Before I give my evidence I should like to be allowed to make an explanation. In the local paper there is a statement that my account amounted to 287*l.* I do not wish to make the explanation only for my own sake, but for others, and also for the paper; I think an explanation ought to be made. My account was only 208*l.* Then also there is another sum of 5*l.* that I received put down as 50*l.*

3993. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are put down as having received 287*l.*; it is true, is it not?—No.

3994. I will ask you presently what you did receive; I think it was 280*l.*?—No, 208*l.*

3995. Is your complaint that they have put you down as receiving 287*l.*, whereas in fact it was 208*l.*?—Yes.

3996. We will rectify that presently by your evidence; you shall have a chance of telling it to us all straight. What are you?—A grocer.

3997. You took an active part in the election; you interested yourself in this election?—Yes.

3998. I may as well take you at once to the sum you received; what was the sum you received altogether from Mr. Edwards?—208*l.*

3999. Where did you have it, and how did you have it?—The first amount I had, I think, was 110*l.*, that was upon the Thursday, the first Thursday after Sir Julian came down; and the next amount I had was, I think, 65*l.*; and the next amount was the balance.

4000. Was it in each case paid in sovereigns?—In gold.

4001. When do you say you got the balance that made up the 208*l.*?—I think I had pretty well all in the week. I am not quite positive as to the last amount, whether it was in two lots or one.

4002. What were you told by Mr. Edwards to do;

what were your duties at this election?—Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Edwards, and myself had a consultation upon the morning after Sir Julian came down in the evening, at the “Star and Garter Hotel,” and there were perhaps 250 boatmen outside to know what they were to do. Of course Sir Julian was late in the field, and we talked over what it was best to do; and I suggested, I think, that we should go in for flags and poles, and drape the house in blue; we chatted it over, and we thought that would be the best thing, and Mr. Edwards asked me if I would undertake to carry it out, and I said, “Yes.” Mr. Edwards told me to go to different parties in the town and order the things, and he would give me the money. I went and told the boatmen what they had got to go, and whether they wanted the flag-poles up, and they said, that was what they were asking for, and they gave me a list of what they wanted. I told them I would go and order the poles and the rope, or rather I told them where to get it. I went to Mr. Bristow’s, and looked out the poles, and I went to Mr. Finnis, and gave him instructions to let the boatmen have a certain amount of rope, what they required for putting up the poles, and each boatman was to take a paper to him with instructions from me.

4003. Now I will ask you about these accounts. Here is Mr. Ralph; I do not think you ordered the rope from him?—No.

4004. You paid for putting up the flag-poles 118*l*.?—I have got the receipts for all; they were handed to Mr. Edwards once, and he returned them to me in case I might want them. I think you will find a receipt for everything. These are all the receipts (*handing a bundle of papers to the Commissioners*).

4005. You say I shall find here receipts which will make up the 118*l*. for putting up the flag poles?—Yes.

4006. How many flag poles were put up; do you remember?—Mr. Bristow can tell you that; not all, because I had some from other places. I sent in all the accounts to Mr. Edwards, and I have only the receipts.

4007. Do you remember about how much you got for putting up each pole?—30*s*. a pole, with the exception of one and that is a large one.

4008. That is a separate item of 25*l*.?—Yes.

4009. I suppose you put up about 60 or 70 poles?—Quite that.

4010. 80 perhaps?—Yes; in fact there were several poles I put up that I paid for out of my own pocket.

4011. You put up one way or another getting on for 100 poles?—Yes, nearly 100 poles.

4012. In Deal and Walmer?—No, I had nothing to do with Walmer. Gladstone Road I had to do with, but that is in Deal district.

4013. Good gracious! you must have crowded the place with poles, did you not?—Oh, no.

4014. It is not a very big place; did the other side put up 100 poles too?—I should think they did.

4015. There must have been a perfect forest of poles, I should think?—Yes, in fact we drew people from all parts of the country to come and see it.

4016. The big pole was upon the Prince of Wales’s Terrace?—Yes.

4017. That was 25*l*.?—Yes.

4018. I should like to ask you whether you think only a fair price was paid, or do you think that a little bit was put on, considering it was election time?—No, I do not think so; you must remember these boatmen all had to stay at home to put them up, and if they had been at their own occupation they might have earned double or treble the money; in fact I met one the other day who said he had only got 5*s*., and lost a pilot.

4019. How long did it take you to put this pole up on the Prince of Wales’s terrace?—Three days; there were 30 men employed, and not any too many. I have a drawing of the pole here (*producing the same*).

4020. I see you mast-headed all your illustrious leaders?—Yes.

4021. In fact you put up every Liberal leader on every one of these masts?—Yes, it is the Liberal cabinet.

4022. It was designed and carried out by you?—No.

4023. Oh yes it was; because I see here “Designed and carried out by W. H. Ramell”?—No, my name is J. P. Ramell.

4024. Let us give credit where credit is due. I thought I had to compliment you?—I think that it ought to have been double the amount, and then it would not have been any too much.

4025. Now the next item I see is a charge for Pockett

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and Houghan, 7*l*.?—Yes; Pockett is a gentleman, who resides in London, and he came down specially, I think, and applied to me for the money, as he wanted to go back again, and I paid him one sovereign.

4026. Where does he live?—He has a house in Beach Street, but he lives in London; he comes down and stops some little time every now and then; a week or two at a time; his home is in London.

4027. He came down to vote?—Yes.

4028. And you gave him a sovereign to take him back?—I gave him his return ticket.

4029. Did you pay the sovereign before or after he voted?—I think it was the night before the election, but you will find it in the receipts.

4030. Did he come to you the night before the election and ask you to pay him his fare?—I think it was the night before the election, but I am not sure about it; he wrote the receipt in my shop.

4031. I see the receipt is, “Received of Mr. Ramell the sum of 1*l*., for travelling expenses, May 18th;” that was the day of the election?—I do not exactly know when it was, but he wrote that in my shop.

4032. It was for expenses from London to Deal and back; but you say he lived here?—He has a house in Beach Street, at which he stops a week or two at a time, but he was not staying here at the time, and came down on purpose to vote. It is a summer-house that he has, and he was down here a few weeks ago and stopped, perhaps, three or four days, but not longer.

4033. He did not come down actually upon the day; he came down, did he not, a day or two before the 18th?—That I do not know.

4034. You just now said you thought you paid him the day before the election, and therefore probably he was in Deal the day before?—I am not sure about it; he wrote that receipt out in my shop when he came to me.

4035. He came and told you that he had come down on purpose to vote, and wanted to be paid his expenses?—Yes, he wanted to go back the same day.

4036. Do you know whether he had voted or not when you paid him this sovereign?—It was before the poll was opened.

4037. Then Houghan, 6*l*.?—Yes, here is the receipt (*handing the same to the Commissioners*). He went to Lynn, in Norfolk. I think he belongs to the Foresters, and there was a meeting he had to attend. Mr. Pockett, I may say, is a pawnbroker in London.

4038. I see the receipt is “6*l*. for travelling expenses from Lynn, in Norfolk, and back.”—Yes.

4039. That was paid also, I suppose, just before the election?—I sent a cheque to him at Lynn.

4040. What made you fix upon the sum of 6*l*.?—Before he went away I asked him what the expense would be. He came and told me he was going, and told me what the expenses would be.

4041. He said that was the railway fare there and back?—Yes.

4042. You intended to pay him only his railway fare, and no more?—Yes, that is all.

4043. That was why the sum of 6*l*. was fixed upon as being the railway fare there and back?—Yes.

4044. There are some watchers put down here, 11*l*. 15*s*., how many watchers did you employ?—Is that my account?

4045. Yes?—I think that must mean other items as well. I recollect it was not watchers altogether, because there were one or two other items with it, although Mr. Edwards may only have put down that one item.

4046. This was exactly what was handed in at the trial of the petitioner here by Mr. Edwards?—I think these two accounts together were sent in one bill; there was one receipt for 26*l*. odd, but Mr. Edwards has got it 27*l*. here. Watchers were included in that amount, but there was an amount paid to some other parties; it was not all for watchers. These two accounts ought to have been together.

4047. Which two accounts?—The 16*l*. 10*s*. and the 11*l*. 15*s*.; the receipt went in for that all together.

4048. Can you tell me how the total sum of 27*l*. 15*s*. was expended?—I cannot exactly tell you now, because I do not appear to have got the receipt. These receipts have been all handed to Mr. Edwards, and he handed them back to me the other day, and I do not know whether any of them have gone. I know those two accounts went together, and they amounted to 26*l*. instead of 27*l*.

4049. Tell me what sums you paid?—I know we had

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some watchers to watch the large pole at the Prince of Wales's Terrace.

4050. How many watchers did you have?—About six at a time; only they were off and on; six at one part of the night, and six at another; because they would not stop all night. They relieved each other.

4051. How many sets of six were there; two?—Yes. The pole was finished upon Friday, so that there was Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday night, and Monday night; that was all.

4052. These six people were to watch the pole?—At former elections we have often had the ropes cut, and so we had at this election; do not you see?

4053. If you ask me, I do not particularly see; at any rate, you had two sets of watchers?—Even this time we had the ropes cut, and the poles pulled down, which I had to pay extra for out of my own pocket to have them put up again; and that is what we had the watchers for.

4054. How much did you pay those watchers; do you remember?—I think it was 5s. each a night.

4055. And for how many nights did they watch?—Four nights.

4056. That would be 1l. a-piece?—Yes.

4057. That would be 12l., which accounts for the 11l. 15s. and a little more?—I do not think it was that amount, but I cannot exactly say.

4058. Now taking down the staffs 16l. 10s. How many men were employed to do that?—That is wrong also. The whole amount together was 26l., I recollect.

4059. How many men were employed to take the poles down?—I agreed with the men that they were to take the poles down at 5s. each, but I have not paid many of them, because when they took the poles down they did not bring the ropes back; and I told them I should not pay them till they brought the ropes back.

4060. Someone has told us that the ropes were considered a perquisite to the persons who took them down?—I did not consider it so, and I do not think it right. I expected to get the best part back to help pay certain amounts that I spent myself.

4061. As a matter of fact, I am afraid you did not get the ropes back?—I did not. Perhaps I may have got 4 cwt. back, and that is all.

4062. Were the 12 watchers mostly voters?—I expect the principal of them were, but I am not certain about that, because I do not know who they were, as I did not appoint them myself.

4063. Can you give me the names of the people you employed to watch?—I cannot. I know Foyles was one. In fact he was the principal man, and we looked to him to get others.

4064. He is a voter?—Yes. He was the one who had the arrangement of putting up this particular pole.

4065. Then there is "Use of capstain, ground, and materials, 8l. 12s.;" was that for putting up the poles? Did you use the capstain for putting up the poles?—After giving the order to the boatmen to put up the poles, and supplying them with the poles, then the next day they brought me in an account for hire of ground, which I did not bargain for at all. Here is one receipt, "For hire of Seaman's Hope Stage, South Side, 2l."

4066. Where is the Seaman's Hope Stage?—Just off here.

4067. How many poles were put up there?—There were two stages belonging to two brothers, and I think there were four poles put upon them.

4068. An open bit of ground, I suppose?—Yes; it is where the boats lie.

4069. It is not used for anything at this moment, or at other times, but is a perfectly open piece of ground?—It is their own ground, and they use it for their boats up to lie on.

4070. They charged you 2l. for four days for four poles?—Yes; they asked me 20l., a I got off pretty well I think.

4071. You thought at any rate that 2l. was enough?—I think I got off pretty well.

4072. Perhaps you think now that 2l. was too much?—I did not bargain for it at all.

4073. Who is Mr. Caskell?—He is one of the owners.

4074. He is a voter, I suppose?—Yes.

4075. That accounts for 2l. out of the 8l. 12s. What is the other 6l. 12s. for?—I have got another receipt of

2l. from a Mr. Nash for the same thing, and I paid Finnis of the "Fox."

4076. How many poles were there upon Mr. Nash's ground?—Two. Finnis at the "Fox" I paid 2l.

4077. Was the rest of the 8l. 12s. for the same purpose, spent in the same way for hire of ground to put up the poles?—I expect it was. I cannot say just to a little; but I can remember those three, and I have got the receipts.

4078. Nash is a voter, I suppose?—Yes.

4079. That accounts for about 188l. of the 208l. which you received?—Yes.

4080. How was the remainder spent?—I have a receipt here of 25l. for band.

4081. Is this (*handing a paper to the witness*) the account that you sent to Mr. Edwards?—Yes. One or two of these are bills that were put in through me, and which are not mine.

4082. I will go through them. Philip Finnis for rope, 34l. 7s. 3d.; did you pay that?—No.

4083. George Finnis for rope, 32l. 17s. 6d.; did you pay that?—No.

4084. R. Gibbons, 15l. 19s. 11d.?—That is not my account, it was merely given through me.

4085. Pittock, 21l. 15s. 6d.?—That is not paid.

4086. Redman, 7l. 1s. 1½d.?—That is not paid.

4087. Thompson, 3l. 2s. 10½d.?—That is not paid.

4088. Chittenden, 3l. 10s.?—That is not one of mine, but put in through me.

4089. Verrier, 1l. 7s. 8d.?—That is not paid.

4090. Clarabut, 7l. 7s. 6d.?—That is not paid.

4091. Britten, 2l. 2s. 2½d.?—That is not paid.

4092. Nash, 2l.?—That is what I spoke about just now.

4093. Webb, 7l.?—That is not paid.

4094. Woodcock, 10s.?—Not paid.

4095. W. Ramell for making flags, 53l.?—Yes; my brother made all the flags, and the whole amount is only 53l. Every one of these flags, or nearly every one, was lettered, and you were asking about the price of letters this morning. I should think there were from 2,000 to 3,000 letters painted on these flags, and that will give you a little idea of the work. I paid him 25l. on account.

4096. That is Mr. W. H. Ramell?—Yes; and here is the receipt.

4097. Have you got the bill of your brother's, showing what he supplied for the 53l.?—Mr. Edwards has, I have not.

4098. We have not got it. Did you give it to Mr. Edwards?—Yes. Here (*producing a paper*) is a list of all the bills that Mr. Edwards has, and they are not paid.

4099. Your brother sent in an account for 53l.?—Yes.

4100. Did that account show in detail what was done for it?—No, I think not; it was for making flags, and it impossible to tell the number that was made.

4101. Then, if I was to see it, it would tell me nothing?—What I recollect of it, it was so much for making flags. I think that was all.

4102. That would tell me nothing, even if I saw it, would it; how many flags did he make, do you know?—I should think from 300 to 400; quite that; if I say between 300 and 400, it would be as near the mark as possible.

4103. Did you order the flags from him?—I ordered the stuff from the drapers; I gave him orders to go and get what he wanted, and there are the accounts from the drapers.

4104. What is your brother?—A painter.

4105. You gave him the stuffs to paint upon?—Yes, I supplied him with it.

4106. Is the 53l. for painting flags, and nothing else?—Making them and painting them.

4107. Did Mr. Edwards tell you to give him that order for the flags?—No, he gave me instructions to carry the matter out; but he did not tell me to give my brother an order; he left it in my hands to do as I liked.

4108. Did you tell your brother how many he was to make, or what order did you give him?—I gave him instructions to go and get what stuff he wanted, and to make as many flags as he could, and as fast as he could, because our time was short, and we were obliged to do the best we could.

4109. I see 25*l.* has been paid on account; does Mr. Edwards dispute the remainder?—No, only he has not the money yet to pay; he does not dispute it at all.

4110. Your brother is a voter, of course?—Yes.

4111. I forget what you said the charge was for every letter painted upon a flag?—I did not say what the charge was, but you heard this morning 9*d.* a letter, and it does not come to anything like that, because there were over 2,000 letters upon the different flags. There seemed to be a smile at the amount when it was stated, but I considered it a very small sum, and if we had had to send to London for them we should have had to pay 300*l.*

4112. You say you went and got the materials supplied to your brother, did you buy the materials in Deal?—You have the draper's bills before you.

4113. Baldwin, for example, 35*l.* 10*s.*; have you got a bill from Baldwin showing how much was supplied for that 35*l.* 10*s.*?—Mr. Edwards has all the bills.

4114. Did Mr. Baldwin's bill show what the money was for, or was it only a general charge of so much?—No, it showed what each stuff was per yard, and what quantity he had supplied.

4115. Then we have Kingsford, 2*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*; what is that?—That is for cord.

4116. Also for the flags?—Yes, for the flag poles.

4117. Bristow, 14*l.* 10*s.*; what is that?—That is for the hire of the poles.

4118. Francis, 9*l.* 10*s.*; what is that?—That is another draper's bill.

4119. Dyason, 1*l.* 8*s.*; what is that?—That was for fine cord for the running gear, I think.

4120. All these bills you have paid?—Not what you are calling over now.

4121. I mean Baldwin, Kingsford, Bristow, Francis, and Dyason?—No, none of those are paid.

4122. Then Ralph, 19*l.* 18*s.*?—That is not my account, but it went through me, that is all.

4123. All the figures I have given you here for the flag poles, the flag pole upon the Prince of Wales terrace, the sum paid to Pockett and Hougham, the sum paid for watchers, the sum paid for taking down the staffs and use of capstan, ground, and blocks, comes to 188*l.* 4*s.*?—Yes.

4124. And you received 208*l.*?—Yes.

4125. How was the rest of the money spent?—I have handed in a receipt for the band, 25*l.*

4126. That makes 213*l.* 4*s.*; what was the band for?—To liven them up upon the election day.

4127. Who told you to engage a band?—Mr. Edwards.

4128. Do you say he told you to engage a band?—Yes.

4129. And you engaged a band for 25*l.*?—Yes.

4130. Was it a local band?—No.

4131. Where did you get it from?—It came from Margate, and how I got it was this; there was something going on there, and I sent up a man to see if they would be at liberty. I went over to Dover after one, but could not get one, and I understood that there would be some band at Margate available the next day, and I sent a man over after it.

4132. Is 208*l.* all the money you received in connexion with the election?—No, that is all I received from Mr. Edwards, but I received 36*l.* from Outwin.

4133. When did you get that 36*l.*?—Upon the morning of the election, I think it was.

4134. What did you do with that money?—I had it for the purpose of giving to nine different persons, and this (*handing a paper*) is the list of the nine, and the amount that they had.

4135. Seth Snoswell, of Princes Street, 5*l.*?—Yes.

4136. Erridge, of Middle Street, 5*l.*?—Yes, 123, Middle Street.

4137. Do you know his Christian name?—I am not sure, but I think it is Richard.

4138. I will ask you to take this list back and add to it, if you can, out of the register the full names and addresses?—I have given them to you all but that one, I think.

4139. No, there is Thompsett, Alfred Square?—It is 5, Alfred Square.

4140. Then T. Whilmshurst, West Street, 3*l.*, and F. Whilmshurst, Wellington Place, 3*l.*?—Yes.

4141. Then E. Mose, West Street, 3*l.*, and his son 3*l.*?—Yes.

4142. I see some got 5*l.*, others 4*l.*, and others 3*l.*?—Yes.

4143. Did you have a conversation with each of them separately, and arrange with them what they were to have?—No, the last four I did not. Whilmshurst himself took the money and arranged with them.

4144. I will take Mr. Snoswell, for example; I suppose you saw him and arranged that he was to have 5*l.*?—Yes.

4145. Was that before the actual voting?—Yes.

4146. I suppose that applies also to Erridge; you saw him and arranged with him that he was to have 5*l.*?—Yes.

4147. And Mr. Smith, of 96, High Street, who had only 4*l.*?—He was to have 5*l.*, only I had got an account against him. He really has had the 5*l.* and I have only returned it as 4*l.*

4148. (*Mr. Holl.*) He had 4*l.*, and a set-off of 1*l.*?—He has got the other, because he had it in goods.

4149. (*Mr. Jeune.*) He got money, or money's worth?—Yes, money's worth.

4150. Then Verstage, Griffin Street, 5*l.*; you arranged with him, I suppose, that he was to have 5*l.*?—Yes.

4151. And Thompsett, 5, Alfred Square; did you arrange that he was to have 5*l.*?—Yes.

4152. The other four were arranged for together?—Yes, they were to have the other money when it was got, but they could not get any more. They were each to have 5*l.*

4153. When it could be got?—Yes.

4154. I am afraid they will have to wait sometime for it. Is that all the money you received?—Yes, every farthing. I should like to say this: I have had a good deal to do with elections formerly, but I have never found it so difficult a matter in canvassing as I have done this year, and I lay it all to this Ballot Act. At one time we could always get a promise, or not a promise, so as to know what we were about, but now when you go to a man's house they will say, "What are you going to give us, so-and-so has offered me such an amount, cannot you do it?"

4155. Were you at all afraid, after having promised this money, that after all they might vote the other side?—No, not the parties I got; I thought I could depend upon them. I only got those I could rely upon.

4156. You think as a rule the man who is promised money votes the way he has promised to vote?—I am afraid this time it was not so.

4157. Do you think they ever take money from both sides?—I do not think; I know it.

4158. If it is doubtful whether they will vote the way they have promised, and if there is a chance of their taking money from both sides, do you think it is less worth while than it was to bribe?—You must do it for the best; it is a risk.

4159. You think it is worth doing upon the chance of a man's voting the way you mean him to vote?—It is a very bad plan I know. In old times they used to bribe certainly almost to the same extent as now, only in a different way. In old times they would give it in large sums like 20*l.*, 30*l.*, and 50*l.*, but now you see it is a general thing, and you can hardly go to a house without their saying, "What are we to have."

4160. You think the effect of the ballot is that it is necessary to bribe more persons than used to be the case?—I know it has spoilt Deal.

4161. In your experience do most people in this constituency expect something or another?—Yes, now they do.

4162. What should you say, 9 out of every 10 would like to get something?—No, I do not go so far as that, but I would say 6 out of every 10 do.

4163. They would expect to get something?—Yes.

4164. If there is something going they would like to have their share?—Yes, and naturally enough too, one should have it as well as another.

4165. Supposing there was money on one side and not upon the other, I suppose there would be very little chance for the side who did not spend money?—Most decidedly.

4166. With regard to this election, do you think, roughly speaking, about the same amount of money was spent on both sides?—No, we did not go into it so deep as they did, because we could not get it.

4167. Do you think that the result of the election was determined by the greater amount of money spent upon the one side than on the other?—Yes, decidedly.

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4168. Do you think if you had had another 1,000*l.* placed at your disposal, with which you could have done what you liked, that you could have carried the election?—No, and I will tell you for why. There was a very wise trick, I think, played up on the part of the Conservatives; they gave the parties to understand that if they did not return a Conservative this time they would not have a chance again, because they would not bring one down, and that, I think, had a great influence with them.

4169. You thought that told?—Yes, it was a very good trick, and I give them credit for it.

4170. Of course it would interest almost everybody here?—Yes, most decidedly. Even our people themselves said, "We may as well give them a turn over this "time."

4171. Even a good many of the Liberals, I suppose, thought it would be just as well to have a contest pretty often?—Yes, most decidedly.

4172. A good many people at this election got something out of it one way or the other?—Yes.

4173. There were the people who got money direct;

there were the shopkeepers, who sold something; there were the people who put up the flags, and the people who took them down again; there were the publicans, the messengers, the clerks, and the relations of the messengers; one way or another a good many people got something out of the election?—Yes, almost everybody, one way or another.

4174. That is really what I was going to ask you; how many people do you think there are in Sandwich and Deal that did not somehow or other get something out of the election?—I cannot say anything about Sandwich.

4175. I mean Deal?—I should think, taking Deal, that there would not be more than 300 that did not get something of it, either directly or indirectly, and I think that is a correct statement.

4176. (*Mr. Turner.*) You mean of course 300 voters?—Yes.

4177. (*Mr. Holl.*) You canvassed a good deal?—Yes.

4178. And you had a good deal of opportunity of judging of the matters you have been telling us of?—Yes.

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4179. (*Mr. Holl.*) Have you a public-house?—Yes.

4180. What is the name of the house you keep?—The "Antwerp."

4181. Is that nearly opposite the pier?—Yes.

4182. You received a sum of money, I think, from Mr. Olds?—Yes.

4183. For the purpose of distribution amongst some of the voters?—Yes, I did.

4184. How much did you receive?—108*l.*

4185. Have you made out a list of the people amongst whom you distributed it?—Yes, that is the list (*handing a paper*); you will see each name in the poll book. They are all needy people.

4186. I will ask you to do this; you have put down the Christian name and surname, but I will get you to put in a third column the addresses of each of these persons, and in a fourth column how much you gave to each?—I can do it if I have a poll book to take the addresses off.

4187. We will go on with this now, and you can let us have the list complete to-morrow. Do you know how much you gave to each?—3*l.* each; they shared all alike.

4188. I see there are 36 of them?—Yes.

4189. You paid 36 different men?—Yes.

4190. And gave them 3*l.* each?—Yes.

4191. Making altogether 108*l.*?—Yes; and that was the amount of money I received.

4192. When did you pay them?—I paid them after they had given their votes.

4193. Had you arranged beforehand with them?—Not all, just a few I had the day before.

4194. You had told them that, if they would vote for you, you would give them so much?—Yes; they said, "Times are hard;" and I said, "We will do what we "can for you."

4195. I suppose you did that with all of them, you told them you would give them something?—Yes, all those 36; any others I know nothing about.

4196. You told each of these 36 that you would do what you could for them if they voted for your side?—Yes.

4197. And after they voted you gave them each 3*l.* apiece?—Yes.

4198. Is that all the money you received?—No; I received 6*l.* from Mr. Olds as canvasser.

4199. You were one of the canvassers?—Yes.

4200. Did you do any canvassing?—Yes, I went round several days for more than a fortnight, I should think two or three hours daily.

4201. Did you keep the 6*l.* for yourself or distribute any of it?—I kept it for myself, for my expenses.

4202. You did not pay any of that to anyone?—No, I spent that and a little more out of my own pocket.

4203. Beyond the 108*l.* that you got from Mr. Olds, and 6*l.* that you got for yourself as canvasser, did you receive any other moneys from anyone in connection with the election?—I received 5*l.* for the room in my house.

4204. Your house was taken?—Yes.

4205. Beyond those three sums did you receive anything more?—No, not one halfpenny.

4206. Did you pay anything to anyone beyond this 108*l.*?—No.

R. W. Jones.

ROBERT WILLIAM JONES sworn and examined.

4207. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

4208. What is your house?—The "Sir Sidney Smith."

4209. Did you receive any money from Mr. Olds?—Yes.

4210. How much?—5*l.* for the use of my room, 6*l.* as a paid canvasser, and 39*l.* for distribution amongst the voters.

4211. When did you receive 39*l.*?—It might be about two days before the election; it would be the 16th or 17th, but I cannot say exactly.

4212. Did you distribute it?—Yes.

4213. Have you got any paper showing how you distributed it, and when?—Yes (*producing a paper*), here is a list of the names, addresses, and occupations.

4214. You have not given the sums here?—They had 3*l.* a piece.

4215. There are only 11 here, which would make 33*l.*?—I returned 6*l.*, and here is a receipt for it (*handing a paper*).

4216. This is a receipt from Mr. Olds?—Yes.

4217. You gave each of these 11 persons 3*l.* for their vote?—Yes.

4218. At the election?—Yes.

4219. Was that on a promise by them to vote for Mr. C. Roberts?—Yes.

4220. Are these sums of 5*l.*, 6*l.*, and 39*l.* all that you had?—Yes, every penny.

4221. From anybody in connection with the election?—Yes.

4222. That is all that you paid out of the 39*l.*?—Yes; I returned 6*l.*, which makes it up.

4223. Did you return the 6*l.* to Mr. Olds upon the 20th May, the day of this receipt?—Yes.

4224. What did you do as a canvasser?—I canvassed the different people round my neighbourhood wherever I knew them.

4225. How many days about?—Right along from the first part of the election to the end of it.

4226. You kept the 6*l.* paid to you as canvasser?—Yes, for personal expenses.

4227. You put that into your own pocket?—Yes.

4228. (*Mr. Holl.*) Have you any canvass book or list?—No further list than that I have produced.

4229. When did you make out this list?—Two days ago.

4230. At the time you canvassed did you keep any list of the people you canvassed?—No; I am well known about the neighbourhood, and there was no necessity for that.

4231. Did you make out this list from any memorandum or from your memory?—From my memory.

4232. (*Mr. Turner.*) Had you any directions as to the particular men you were to go to and pay this money?—No, I had no particular directions as to how to distribute the money.

4233. I suppose you told Mr. Olds how many men you had about?—Yes.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

Saturday, 9th October 1880.

R. W. Jones.

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(*Mr. Thomas Bent.*) May I be allowed to make a statement. Mr. Olds, in his evidence, is represented in the "Canterbury Press" and in the "Deal Mercury" to have said that I wanted 60*l.* for my services; the "Canterbury Press" says 60*l.* and the "Deal Mercury" 50*l.*, but both statements are false.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) Are you the Deal bill poster?

(*Mr. Thomas Bent.*) Yes; I wish to make the statement in vindication of my character, because I do not wish anything to go false against me, and both statements are false.

(*Mr. Holl.*) Very well; we will take your evidence now.

THOMAS BENT sworn and examined.

T. Bent.

4234. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are a bill poster at Deal?—Yes.

4235. Is it the case that you were the only person who posted bills in Deal? Have you a monopoly?—Yes, up to this last month or two I had.

4236. You are the only person who carries on that business in Deal. Have you got a large number of stations and places upon which to put bills?—Yes.

4237. Hoardings, and things of that kind?—Yes.

4238. Nobody else has hoardings in Deal except you?—No, not large hoardings; no one has a right to put them on but myself. I lent one.

4239. There is no one carrying on the same business that has hoardings as well as you?—No; I had a man with me 12 months, and he has commenced two months ago.

4240. At the time of this election there was no one carrying on the same business who had hoardings as well as you?—No, I have been the bill poster for 15 years in Deal.

4241. Do you carry on your business at Walmer and Deal?—Yes. I have stations in Walmer and Upper Deal.

4242. Did you have a conversation with Mr. Olds?—No, not any.

4243. Can you tell me about how many stations you have got in Deal and Walmer?—I should think 26 or 27.

4244. I suppose you have pretty nearly all the stations that can be got?—Yes.

4245. I suppose many of them are very good stations for bills?—They are. I have got as good stations as any town in Kent, considering the size of the town.

4246. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Edwin Hughes about it?—Yes.

4247. You are a Liberal in politics, are not you?—Yes.

4248. What was the effect of your conversation with Mr. Hughes; did he want to take your station?—I made an arrangement with Mr. Hughes that he was to have part of my stations until the end of May for so much money, and I was to post the bills at so much per 100.

4249. How many of your stations was he to have?—A part of all of them, and I was to post the bills, and not one bill, either one side or the other, was to be covered up by any man.

4250. Did he want to take all your stations?—No, he did not want to take them all.

4251. He did not ask you for all?—No.

4252. And you did not refuse to let him have all?—No, I did the work for both sides.

4253. There was never an application by Mr. Hughes to have all your stations?—No, not any.

4254. He came and asked, and you said he might have part, and you were to do the posting?—Yes.

4255. Part of each station?—Yes, part of each station, whatever there might be.

4256. So that there would be absolutely equality between the one side and the other?—Yes, exactly.

4257. Mr. Edwin Hughes seems to have said this before the judges, "There was only one bill sticker in Deal, and he is a Liberal; I wanted to hire from him his protected stations, but he would not let me have them"?—It is no such thing.

4258. That does not represent the case?—No.

4259. In fact, all that he wanted to have you were willing to let him have?—Yes, and to do the work as I had done it before; in fact, the first bills that came out were sent to me, and no question was asked whatever, and I posted them.

4260. What arrangement was made eventually with Mr. Hughes?—I made an arrangement with Mr. Hughes that I was to have 7*l.* 10*s.* for the stations to the end of May, that is, part of the stations, and to post the bills at 10*s.* per 100, or I offered to do the whole of it for 20*l.*, but he said, "No, your bill will come to more than that, 'I know, by the work we shall have;' my bill did not come to 20*l.*, but he said, 'We will make it 20*l.*,' and he gave me an order to get my men and to come and clear the walls the day after the election.

4261. What have you had altogether?—20*l.* exactly.

4262. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Olds?—No, not any.

4263. So that it is not the case that you wanted 60*l.* for your services?—No, and that is why I have come to explain it this morning.

4264. Or 50*l.*?—No, or 50*l.*; 20*l.* is what I had.

4265. Are your stations pretty well scattered over Deal and Walmer?—Yes.

4266. Have you ever posted bills at a previous election?—Yes, I have been posting the last 15 years, and I think I have done it three times before.

4267. Then you posted in 1874?—Yes.

4268. Did you post for both sides in the same way?—Yes, and I had the same terms as to the hire of the stations. I had 7*l.* 10*s.* for the use of part of the stations, and I was to do the posting, but if they wanted their own men to go and post upon the stations they were at liberty to do so.

4269. You asked the same terms for this election as you had claimed and got before?—Yes, just the same.

4270. In 1874, did each side pay you the same amount?—One side would have more bills than another.

4271. It was according to the number of their bills?—Yes.

4272. You were to have so much a 100 for posting?—Yes.

4273. At this election you posted for both sides?—Yes.

4274. Did you get the same sum from each side?—I did not have so much from Sir Julian Goldsmid as from the other side.

4275. What did he give you?—I have not had any yet.

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4276. What is your claim?—Only 14l.

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4277. Who engaged you to do the bill posting on Sir Julian's side?—Mr. Edwards; he called in, and said he would send the bills down, and that we would go on the same as before.

4278. I must say it seems to me a very legitimate expenditure, and I hope you will be paid?—I hope so; people have money for doing nothing, and those who do the work get nothing sometimes.

4279. At this election there were a large number of bills posted, were there not, in and upon public-houses?—Yes, public-houses.

4280. Mr. Edwin Hughes has put it forward that he was obliged to take all these public-houses because he could not get his bills posted elsewhere?—That is false; the first bills the Conservatives had were sent to me, and no question was asked as to whether I would post them or not, and I did post them, and so I should if they had gone on till now.

4281. There were a considerable number of bills posted in the windows of public-houses?—Yes, and there always is.

4282. And outside public-houses as well?—Yes, outside as well.

W. F. Spears.

WILLIAM FROST SPEARS sworn and examined.

4291. (Mr. Holl.) We see that you had a large amount for erecting poles?—Yes.

4292. Have you any list of the sums that you received?—No.

4293. No account or memorandum at all?—No, I left it all to Mr. Hughes.

4294. Is that Mr. Edwin Hughes?—Yes, the agent.

4295. Tell me how it was you came to erect these poles; from whom did you get instructions to do it?—I was a volunteer to Mr. Hughes.

4296. You went to Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

4297. Tell us what passed?—People came up when I was there, and asked to put poles up the same as before, for the purpose of hanging flags when wanted, and I volunteered my services to Mr. Hughes to go and superintend the doing of it.

4298. What did he tell you?—He told me to go round and see where they were wanted, which I did, and he asked me what I thought a fair price. I told him I did know, but the parties up there said 30s. a pole, and 8 or 10 men to each pole, which I paid.

4299. Eight or ten men to each pole?—Yes, it might be less, and sometimes might be more.

4300. How many did you erect altogether?—I could not tell you.

4301. Did you tell Mr. Hughes what you have told us?—Yes.

4302. What did he say?—He says, "That is right enough."

4303. Did he tell you to erect them?—Yes, and I done according, and got the people according.

4304. How many did you erect altogether, do you think?—Well, I could not tell, indeed.

4305. About 50, 60, or 100 would it be, or how many?—It is no use my saying, because I do not know; Mr. Hughes knows; he paid the money.

4306. That does not tell us the number of poles; did you give Mr. Hughes particulars of the number you erected?—Yes, and I had the money and paid them.

4307. Did you give Mr. Hughes particulars when he paid you the money?—Yes, he wanted every item as to who it was going to be paid to.

4308. Did you give him particulars of all the poles that you had erected, and of the men you had employed?—I did not give him the names of anybody; there were so many poles, and so much money, and I had a cheque for the money, and I went to the bank and got the cash, and gave it to the men. If I had known there was to be anything like this I would have kept an account of the poles, but I did not give the thing a thought. Mr. Hughes has got the number, and has got the money that was paid, and I gave every man every shilling that was earned.

4309. Cannot you tell me how many poles you did erect?—I cannot indeed.

4310. Give it to me as nearly as you can?—I could not, it is no use my telling a falsehood.

4311. You can tell us whether it was 50, 60, or 100?—No; I can tell you Mr. Hughes paid for the poles, and he can tell you better than I can.

4283. Was it the same in 1874?—Yes, just about the same; but I do not know that they hired public-houses then; I do not think they did.

4284. Were there as many bills in 1874, do you think, posted in the windows of public-houses as there were at this last election?—There were more in 1874 than there were at this election, because it lasted longer.

4285. You are right; were the bills on your stations torn down and disfigured?—Once.

4286. Only once?—Yes, and only just one or two; nothing worth speaking of.

4287. Did you employ anybody to watch them?—No, myself and my man were out pretty well all night sometimes at work.

4288. Posting?—Yes, I have been out till 12 o'clock on Saturday night.

4289. You did not employ anybody specially to watch your stations?—No.

4290. I suppose you thought it was not absolutely necessary to employ anybody?—No, not for that purpose.

4312. We want to know what you can tell us, because we shall ask Mr. Hughes by-and-bye. I see there are a number of other men connected with poles. Ralph, 1l. 16s.; Licence 1l. 18s.; Worrels 1l. 1s. 10d.; Baxter 1l. 10s.; did you receive that money, or was it paid to them direct?—All the money I received from Mr. Hughes I gave to the boatmen.

4313. Besides the moneys that you have put down as having received in your own name, there are other sums put down as being paid to Ralph, Licence, Worrels, and Baxter, did you pay those men?—No.

4314. That money, did it not pass through your hands?—No.

4315. That went to them direct?—Yes, it did not pass through my hands.

4316. In round numbers, I find paid to yourself 135l. or 140l.—would that be about right?—I never took no account.

4317. As near as you can remember would it be about the sum?—I should think it would be quite that. I first of all got a cheque for 9l., and I went to the bank and got the money, and the people shared it, 8 or 10 men to each pole.

4318. You think 135l. or 140l. would about represent what you had yourself to distribute for the erection of poles?—I daresay it was quite that, but I have nothing to go by, you see, at all. I know there was a great quantity of poles, and that is all I can tell you.

4319. Besides that you had 41l. for taking down poles, and 20l. for yourself?—I had 40l. and 20l. for myself.

4320. What was the 20l. for yourself?—For running about a fortnight, and superintending everything.

4321. Did you have no portion of the money that you received previously?—My brother gave me 6l. the first start off.

4322. Is that Henry Spears?—Yes, and he signed his name for it.

4323. When you went at different times to get these various sums, such as 9l., 13l. 10s., 7l. 10s., 30l., 9l., 24l., and so forth, you took your share, I suppose?—No, not a farthing; not a glass of beer.

4324. Do I understand, in regard to these sums, that you received from time to time, amounting to 135l. or 140l., you took no share of it yourself at all?—No, not one halfpenny.

4325. Had you any arrangement with Mr. Hughes that he should pay you separately?—No.

4326. Were you engaged in erecting these poles?—Yes.

4327. Why should not you have taken your share out of the money as you from time to time received it?—Because I superintended the other people, and my brother gave me 6l. to superintend, and I took it and did superintend. I never knew that I was going to have a farthing until after the election was all over and done with, and then Mr. Hughes said, "For your hard work I shall make you a present of 20l.," and I took it.

4328. Was that after the election?—Yes, after it was all done with, two days afterwards.

4329. The 135l. or 140l. that you are put down as having received in addition to other money paid to other

people would represent 30s. a-piece for 100 poles?—Yes, I daresay.

4330. Did you erect as many as 50, do you think?—Bless my soul and body, all that is paid for were erected, and I do not know whether there were 50 or 150.

4331. That is not not an answer to my question; I asked you whether you will say that you erected more than 50?—I must tell you the same as I said before, I could not say; all I can tell you is there were a great number.

4332. You must know to some extent whether there were 50 or 100?—I think it would be nigher two fifties than one.

4333. You see you do know to some extent?—I tell you I have no idea; if I had known anything of this kind was coming I would have kept an account.

4334. You think it was nigher 100 than 50?—Yes.

4335. I will not take the largest of the poles, any exceptional ones, but what would be the average length of the ordinary poles you put up?—Some of them were 70 feet high.

4336. I asked you not to take the exceptional ones; what was the average length?—They would be on an average about 50 feet, I should think.

4337. Was it a single pole?—No, that would have two-spliced on.

4338. Were they all two-spliced?—No, not all.

4339. What was the average height, in most cases did you have two poles spliced or one pole?—Some was one and some were two.

4340. Which were there most of?—I should think there were most of two-spliced on.

4341. More than half, you think?—Yes.

4342. You say the average height would be about 50 feet?—Yes, I should think so.

4343. I suppose you let these poles into the ground?—Yes.

4344. How many feet?—About 6 or 7 feet.

4345. You dug a hole 6 or 7 feet deep, then put the pole in, and rammed it down to keep it up?—Yes.

4346. The ordinary poles would not have any other support to them, except the support from being buried 6 or 7 feet deep?—We were obliged to have some stays to them.

4347. To every pole?—I will not say to every pole.

4348. Did you have any stays to any of them, except the exceptionally tall ones?—Yes.

4349. Just think for a moment; will you undertake to say there were 20 which had stays?—I daresay there were.

4350. It is not a question of daresay; tell me as near as you can remember, whether you will undertake to say positively that you did have stays to as many as 20 of them?—I do not know, I am sure; I do not want to say anything wrong, and there is no use in saying that I do not know.

4351. We want you to say what is right; we only want you to tell us exactly what you know; you see you erected these only two or three months ago, and surely you must remember whether there were 50 or 100 of them, and whether the majority had stays to them, or whether the majority were merely let into the ground 6 or 7 feet, and supported by the ground?—I should say there were 20.

4352. About 20, you think?—Yes.

4353. Of course, I not expect you to tell me within one or two, but tell me as nearly as you can remember; with regard to the other poles, where you had not stays, and which were 50 feet high, do you mean to say you required eight men to put in each poll?—Yes, they wanted fetching out of the store, and they wanted carrying up to the beach.

4354. Did it take eight men to carry a scaffold pole 50 feet long?—No, perhaps, it might take about four, but I did not stand at that, if anyone was there; everyone wanted to earn a shilling.

4355. Most people who have lived to the age that we have, have seen scaffold poles erected 50 feet high, and and they do not want more than two or three men at the outside?—Very true.

4356. Why did you want eight?—Because the people wanted something to eat.

4357. You wanted, in point of fact, to give employment to as many as you could?—Yes.

4358. Did you have any payments made by cheques; —Yes. *W. F. Spears.*

4359. Not in cash?—No.

4360. Was it all by cheques?—I think I received once a little money to pay when it was overtime; only once to the best of my recollection; with that exception, it was all cheques, which I took to the bank and got the money.

4361. I think you are right. I think the bank book shows that your payments were all by cheque. I see there are considerable sums to Pritchard for cordage, 6l. 14s. 10d., and 22l. 6s. 4d., did that pass through your hands; did you buy the cordage?—Yes. I went down to Pritchard and ordered it, and let the people have it.

4362. Did you pay for it, or was he paid direct?—I did not pay for it. I had to sign the bill.

4363. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What was the first cheque you had from Mr. Hughes?—To the best of my recollection, I think it was 9l.

4364. Was that drawn upon the National Provincial Bank here?—I never noticed the cheques; all I know is I took them into the bank, and Mr. Spain gave me the money. I never noticed what bank they were upon.

4365. The first cheque does not appear to have been entered in the pass-book; I see "Spears, No. 2, 71l. 10s." There seems to be no No. 1 to you, or if there was it is not entered here? I did not notice what bank they were upon. I took the cheque to the bank, and laid it down, and they gave me the money, that is all I know.

4366. Might the first cheque have been for 13l. 10s.?—No.

4367. You are sure it was 9l.?—I am almost sure. I would not be positive, and why I am sure of it is that there were six poles put up, and 65 people to put them up, so that I think the first cheque I drew was 9l., to pay 65 people.

4368. That was 10 men to a pole?—Yes; and they shared something like 2s. 8d. or 2s. 9d each, to the best of my recollection.

4369. (*Mr. Holl.*) It would be more than that, if it was 13l. 10s.?—I cannot be sure, but I am almost certain it was 9l. for six poles at first, and there were 65 men to share the money. I recollect that very well.

4370. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Your second cheque appears to have been for 7l. 10s.?—I would not answer for that; all the money I received was shared by the men; nothing stuck to my fingers.

4371. You say that you had one payment in cash?—I am almost sure I had, but I do not know the amount; it was a small amount; I am almost sure of it, but sometimes I got half tight, and cannot recollect.

4372. The poles were hired?—Not that I am aware of.

4373. (*Mr. Holl.*) These sums that you were paid were simply for erecting?—Yes, putting them up. I never paid anything for them. We had got a lot of masts upon the beach, and Mr. Denne, I believe, lent Mr. Hughes poles from his stores, and what we wanted we went and fetched.

4374. They were scaffold poles, I believe?—Yes.

4375. You say for the first six erected you had 65 men?—Yes.

4376. Sixty-five different men?—Yes.

4377. Or did you have the same men to each pole?—No, all different; loafers along the beach; bricklayers, boatmen, and anybody who came along; they all joined in.

4378. You let as many join in as liked?—It did not matter to me. I did not care. I liked to see everybody get a shilling if I could. There are the people on the beach, and everybody can go and inquire of them.

4379. How long did it take 10 men to erect one of these poles?—Perhaps it would take a couple of hours; as fast as you very often dig the beach it fills up again; you are obliged to make a big hole to put them in.

4380. You would not have more than two men to dig at a time?—There were some down chucking it up to others to chuck it away again; the beach runs in so it is not like earth.

4381. You say you had 10 men to each pole?—I do not say to every pole; from eight to ten, and to some poles there might not be above seven. The reason why we had so many more was this—we had got a good many poles up, and Mr. Hughes said he thought we had sufficient; but when these others turned up, that is, when Sir Julian Goldsmid came down, they put poles

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before ours, and by George we were obliged to put poles before theirs.

4382. How many did you erect before Sir Julian came down, 50, would you say?—I cannot say. I would if I could, because it makes no difference to me how many there were, but I cannot tell you.

4383. I see you very soon got as much as 50*l.* or 60*l.*?—Yes; and when you come to get 200 or 300 people putting them up, it soon runs up.

4384. You had put up a good many before Sir Julian Goldamid came down?—Yes, a good few.

4385. And then you put up more?—Yes, because the men were all mad, saying that all our poles were shut out.

4386. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did Mr. Hughes put any check upon you, or let you put up as many as you pleased?—Mr. Hughes wanted to know about every one that was put up—bless you, he is a very particular man.

4387. When you began to put some more up you went and got Mr. Hughes' leave to do it?—Yes, decidedly, I never did anything without asking him, and if anybody went for a shilling for a pole he would never get it unless I was there and saw it done.

4388. He knew about your putting up every one of the poles?—Yes.

4389. And sanctioned your doing it?—Yes, he asked whether I thought it fit to be there, and such like, and if I said, "Yes," it was done, and if I said "No," it was not done.

4390. Did you ever say "No"?—Yes, plenty of times, there are six or seven now holding out for money for poles, but I said "I had never ordered them, and whoever had ordered them they must go to them for the money," but they never have been paid.

4391. (*Mr. Holl.*) I see besides those that you put up there were a good many put up by other people?—That I will not answer for.

4392. I see besides the money mentioned as being paid to you, 135*l.*, or 140*l.*, there is a flagpole at the North end; did you put that up?—There were a good many along there.

4393. There is a "Flagpole, North End, 1*l.* 5*s.*."?—Whereabouts was that?

4394. I cannot tell you?—I never paid 1*l.* 5*s.* for a pole. I paid 1*l.* 10*s.*

4395. If there was 1*l.* 5*s.* paid for a flagpole at the North End that must have been in addition to what you put up?—Yes.

4396. Then I see, "Kynaston, 3 poles," and "Erridge, 3 flagstaves, 4*l.* 10*s.*," did you put them up?—Yes, Erridges' was put up, and I paid for them.

4397. Then "J. Wise, two poles"?—Yes, I paid for Wise's two.

4398. You received a great deal more money than the 135*l.*, or 140*l.*, if you received these sums?—I told you I could not say.

4399. Then there is a pole at the "Saracen's Head," and one at the Shipping Yard, and one at the Esplanade, one at Middle Beach, one at Deal Castle, one at North End, and there are sums paid to Ralph, Licence, and Worrels?—All I paid was 1*l.* 10*s.* a pole; I know nothing about anything else.

4400. Did you put up these poles at the Esplanade, Middle Beach, Deal Castle, and did you pay Ralph 1*l.* 16*s.*?—All I put up I paid 1*l.* 10*s.* a pole for, I do not think I paid under 1*l.* 10*s.* or over 1*l.* 10*s.*, I did not pay a shilling more.

4401. Can you tell me whether these sums that are put down to Ralph 1*l.* 16*s.*, Licence 1*l.* 18*s.*, Baxter 1*l.* 10*s.*, Kynaston, flagstaff, 3*l.* 15*s.*, were moneys paid to you, or were they paid direct to the men whose names I have read?—They must have been paid to the men.

4402. In addition to what you spent?—Yes, it must be.

4403. Including these sums, and the 20*l.* that you had for yourself, I see that the amount paid for the pole and erecting the poles comes to 250*l.*?—I daresay it does.

4404. That is including the 40*l.* you had for taking down, and the 20*l.* that you had for yourself, it comes to 250*l.*?—Most probably it would. The 40*l.* that I had after the election was shared with 180 men, 4*s.* 5*d.* each.

4405. How many people do you think you employed altogether to put up the poles?—I could not tell you.

4406. Let us get at it as near as we can—I do not

want you to guess—you say for the first six poles you had 65 people?—Yes.

4407. And afterwards you say you had an average of about eight people per pole, were they generally the same people or different people?—No, different people—anybody that came along.

4408. I suppose in regard to a good many of the poles the same people would come and help?—I do not know whether they helped or not.

4409. Do you think that altogether you employed in putting up the poles as many as 200 or 300 people?—I do not know at all.

4410. Would it be nearer to 200 than 300?—It would be nearest to 200.

4411. Two hundred people that you employed at different times in putting up these poles?—Yes.

4412. And different people?—Yes, different people.

4413. You say the 40*l.* you had for taking down you shared amongst how many people?—180, that is Deal and Walmer Road, and they shared 4*s.* 5*d.* apiece, and they gave me 5*s.* for myself what was over. They reckoned it up, and they made out that 5*s.* was over, and they said, "Bill, you may take that."

4414. When you say they shared it, how did you distribute it?—There were so many people, and I gave them so much money, and they shared it among themselves.

4415. They would not take down all the poles at once?—They were all day about it.

4416. You say 180 men were employed; I suppose you first employed a certain number at one pole and others at another?—Yes.

4417. How did you know who you employed; did you keep any memorandum, or did you pay them pole by pole as they were taken down?—No, I paid one man, and he shared the money.

4418. Did you pay them after it was all done?—Yes, two days afterwards.

4419. You did not pay them pole by pole?—No.

4420. You paid them after the whole thing was finished?—Yes, the second day after election was all over we had the poles taken down.

4421. Was it after all the poles had been taken down that you divided the money amongst the men who assisted in taking them down?—Yes.

4422. How did you know who had assisted or not?—They knew themselves, you may depend upon that.

4423. Supposing a party claimed to be paid who had not helped?—The other parties would see about that.

4424. There was a sort of foreman or ganger to see about that, do you mean?—Yes.

4425. After the poles had been taken down people came to you, numbering 180, claiming to have assisted, and you distributed the money amongst them?—Yes, they told me there were 180, and I gave 40*l.* to be divided amongst them. They told me it came to 4*s.* 5*d.* each, but I never reckoned it up.

4426. Except what you were told by the different leaders of the parties, you really knew nothing as to how many people were engaged?—No, but they would take care that nobody else was paid but those who had assisted; they would see that they should have no money.

4427. You had 20*l.* for yourself?—Yes.

4428. What are you?—I am a Deal boatman.

4429. A boat owner?—Partly.

4430. I think you have a good deal of influence amongst the boatmen?—No.

4431. Do they look up to you as a leader?—No, I have no influence whatever.

4432. Do you not act to some extent as a leading man amongst them?—No, I have nothing to do with them.

4433. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are modest; how do you think you came to be selected as a person who should arrange about all the poles?—I really do not know. I suppose because I am a little bit straight and honest, and pay anybody whatever I owe.

4434. (*Mr. Holl.*) Altogether, what you received for putting up poles, what was paid to other people, and what was paid for taking down, and what was got for yourself, it comes to for poles, without the cordage, about 250*l.*?—Probably it might.

4435. And including the cordage it comes to 279*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*?—Probably it might. I have no

receipts, but if I had known this bother had been coming I would have had receipts.

4436. I see there is a sum of money put down, "Spears" for Axon, for canvassers, 18*l.*," is that you or your brother?—I had nothing to do with it. My brother gave me 6*l.* at starting.

4437. Did any other money pass through your hands besides this money, which you say you distributed every shilling of amongst the men. You told us you had 6*l.* given to you in the first instance, then a number of other sums, the precise amount of which you cannot tell, then a further sum for distributing amongst the men, and 40*l.* for taking down the poles, which you distributed, and 20*l.* for yourself?—Yes.

4438. Besides those sums, did you receive any other moneys in connection with this election?—Yes.

4439. How much?—I received three 9*l.*

4440. When was that, before the election or after?—Before the election.

4441. What did you do with that?—I gave it to a man named James Axon.

4442. What for; from whom did you get it?—Mr. Hughes.

4443. What did you give it to Mr. Axon for?—I do not know.

4444. When Mr. Hughes gave you the money what did he say to you?—He did not give me the money, he gave me a cheque, and I went to the bank.

4445. Was it three cheques for 9*l.* each?—I am almost sure it was.

4446. Or was any of it cash?—No. I am almost sure it was cheques.

4447. Did you have three different sums of 9*l.*, and do you recollect going to the bank with them?—Yes.

4448. Tell us about it?—That is all I can tell you. He gave me the cheques, and I went to the bank and changed them and gave the man the money.

4449. Did you get the three cheques at three different times?—Yes.

4450. When you got the first one what did he tell you to do?—To give it to Mr. Axon, and I gave it to him.

4451. Did he tell you to go to the bank and get it cashed, and give the cash to Axon?—No, he did not tell me to go to the bank, but I had the cheque, and I must go to the bank to get the cash.

4452. Did he tell you to give Axon the cheque, or did he tell you to go to the bank?—He did not tell me anything, but I thought he gave me the cheque perhaps because nobody else might be able to change it.

4453. Tell me what took place between you and Mr. Hughes when he gave you the first cheque for 9*l.*?—Mr. Hughes gave me the cheque and I went to the bank.

4454. He must have told you something about what you were to do with it?—No.

4455. Do you mean that he merely handed you a cheque and said nothing?—He said, "Give this to Mr. Axon."

4456. Did he say "Go and change this," or did he say "Give this to Mr. Axon"?—I do not remember.

4457. However, you did go and change the cheque?—Yes.

4458. And gave the proceeds to Mr. Axon?—Yes.

4459. Do you know at all what it was for?—No.

4460. Was nothing said as to what it was for?—No.

4461. Have you any idea now what it was for?—No.

4462. Are you sure of that?—I do not like to ask questions after a thing is all over; it is not my business to ask questions.

4463. I did not ask you that. What I asked you was whether you have any idea now what it was for?—If I were to go up and ask what it was for perhaps some of them would, up fist, and give me a clout in the head.

4464. Now tell me the truth. Have you any belief or impression in your own mind as to what it was for?—He never said nothing to me; perhaps when you see Mr. Hughes he might tell you.

4465. Have you heard at all, or have you any opinion, as to what was done with it?—I do not know whether it was for poles, or what. I cannot tell you. I do not know what it was for.

4466. What is Axon's name?—There are two or three Axons.

4467. I mean the Axon to whom you gave this money. Where does he live, and what is he?—It is James Axon.

4468. Where does he live?—Upper Walmer Road.

4469. What is he?—A boatman.

4470. When you gave the money to him did he say anything?—No, I gave him the money.

4471. Did he say anything?—I do not know what he did say; he might say something, but I forget.

4472. Did you tell him what to do with it?—I told him there was the 9*l.*

4473. Did he seem to know what it was for?—I dare say he did.

4474. Did you tell him anything about what it was for?—No.

4475. Are you quite certain of that?—Quite certain.

4476. Did he tell you what it was for?—No.

4477. You said, "Here is the 9*l.*" Do you mean to say he did not give you any idea what it was for?—We did not tell one another any secrets.

4478. Were there any secrets?—No.

4479. Then why did you say you did not tell each other any secrets?—A man when he receives money takes it home; if I had had any business along with him—

4480. Never mind that—that is not what I asked you. When you told him, "Here is the 9*l.*" did he seem as if he expected it, or was he at all surprised?—Oh dear, no, he was not at all surprised.

4481. Did he say anything to you about what it was for?—If he did I do not recollect it.

4482. You must do?—Ah, but I do not. If I say a thing I abide by it. I assure you, gentlemen, I would tell you in a moment if I recollected it. I would not mince matters.

4483. (*Mr. Turner.*) It is not usual for a man to receive 9*l.* without something being said about it?—He might have said something; but if he did I forget. I tell you the truth, and I am not going to run away from anything—he might have said something.

4484. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you really mean to tell us positively—and remember you are upon your oath—that you do not recollect whether you said anything to him or whether he said anything to you at the time as to what was to be done with the money?—No, I do not recollect it indeed. I will tell you the truth. I had too much to drink very often during the election. I do not want to see any more elections.

4485. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where did you give him this money?—In the streets.

4486. You met him in the street; did you simply take the money out of your pocket; what was it, nine sovereigns?—Yes, I do not know whether there were any half-sovereigns.

4487. It was gold at any rate?—Yes.

4488. Did you simply take the money out of your pocket and say, "Here are nine sovereigns"?—Yes.

4489. Is that what you said?—Yes.

4490. You are sure of it?—Yes.

4491. Did you meet him casually in the street, or did you expect to meet him?—I do not know whether I expected to meet him; it was given to me to give to him, and I done so.

4492. What did you say to him when you saw him?—I said, "Here is nine sovereigns."

4493. What did he say?—He said, "Thank you."

4494. Nothing else?—No, nothing else that I am aware of; as I said before, he might have said something, but I tell you I forget if he did.

4495. You cannot be in the habit of giving 9*l.* to people very often?—No, and he would not have got the 9*l.* if it had not been given to me to give to him.

4496. It is a thing that cannot have happened to you very often; you must remember what took place?—I tell you I do not; if you ask Mr. Hughes he might tell you more about it. Very often I got a little too much to drink, and I got bothered several days.

4497. That is not quite it. I do not think you are treating us quite fairly. You meet a man in the street, and take out nine sovereigns, or 9*l.* in gold, and hand it to him; do you represent that you do not remember what he said, or what took place?—Mr. Hughes gave me the cheque, and I went to the bank and got the money, and gave it to him.

4498. What took place when you gave it to him?—Nothing that I am aware of.

4499. You are sure of that?—Yes, quite sure; there might have been some words passed, or there might not; if there was I should tell you, because why should I

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4500. Have you given any other money to anybody else in the same way during this election?—No.

4501. Before you gave that 9*l.* to Axon had you given any sum of money to anybody else in a similiar way?—No.

4502. That was the first 9*l.* you distributed?—Yes.

4503. Did it not strike you as a little odd that you should be asked to give Axon 9*l.*, and that no explanation should be asked by Axon as to what it was for?—No; Mr. Hughes gave it to me to give to Axon, and I gave it to him.

4504. Did you tell Axon that it came from Mr. Hughes?—That I do not know.

4505. Did you not say to Mr. Axon, "Mr. Hughes has sent you this 9*l.*?"—Perhaps I might; I do not know I did or not; you may be thinking I am shrinking from telling the truth, but I am not. I would not shrink from anything, but I will not say anything I am not sure about.

4506. You are perfectly right in that, but still it strikes me, and I daresay it strikes my friends also, as a little odd, to say the least?—A "little on" do you say; I very often was a little on.

4507. A joke is a joke, but this is a serious matter, and you have got to tell us all that you know. You got this 9*l.*, and met Axon in the street, and handed it to him; try and recollect what took place; did not Axon ask you what it was for, or what he was to do with it?—No; he was the best judge of that. I was not the judge of the money after I gave it to him.

4508. Try and recollect if you can?—It is no use my telling you anything I do not know, because by-and-bye you will be calling me up and saying that I was lying here, and I want to be very careful.

4509. Try and recollect?—No, I cannot.

4510. Try and recollect?—No, I cannot; I would tell you like a shot if I knew; what difference is it to me?

4511. Now we will try the second cheque; how long was it after that that Mr. Hughes gave you the second 9*l.*?—It might have been three or four days perhaps.

4512. What did he say to you when he gave you that second 9*l.*?—He did not give me 9*l.*, but a cheque.

4513. That is the same thing?—He gave me this cheque for 9*l.*, and said, "Give it to Axon," and I done the same thing.

4514. Did you meet Axon in the street?—Yes.

4515. Did you say, "Here is another 9*l.*?"—I did not say, "Another 9*l.*," I said, "Here is 9*l.*"

4516. And Axon did not ask you anything at the time?—No.

4517. How long afterwards was the third?—About the same time.

4518. Two or three days?—Yes.

4519. That was close upon the election?—Yes, I daresay it was.

4520. In the same way did you meet Axon again in the street?—Yes, in the same way.

4521. And did you say, "There is 9*l.*?"—Yes.

4522. And Axon said nothing?—He took the money and put it in his pocket.

4523. He did not ask you what it was for, or where it had come from, or what he was to do with it?—I did not ask him at all.

4524. Did he ask you?—No.

4525. Are you sure of that?—Not to my recollection.

4526. Three times you met the same man in the street?—Three times.

4527. You gave him 9*l.*, and you really wish us to believe that you cannot recollect whether he asked you what it was for, or whether anything was said?—Why should I ask him what he was going to do with it?

4528. That is not it at all; you may have your reason for not telling us which I am unable to guess?—If I knew I would tell you, and if you see Mr. Hughes he will be able to tell you what it was for, no doubt.

4529. Is Mr. James Axon here?—Yes.

4530. You say they were all cheques that Mr. Hughes gave you?—Yes.

4531. In whose name were the cheques drawn?—I never looked at them. I took them to the bank, put them down, and they gave me the money.

4532. You are pretty sure, are you, that each of the cheques was for 9*l.*, and that there were three of them?—I am almost sure about it, but I cannot be sure, because it is so long ago. I took the cheques into the bank, put them down, and Mr. Spain gave me the money, and I came out.

4533. (*Mr. Holl.*) Are you sure this occurred three times?—That what occurred?

4534. That you received a cheque for 9*l.*, and gave it to Axon?—Yes.

4535. Are you sure that it occurred three times?—I will not be sure whether it was two or three times.

4536. Just try and think, because we want to know that?—I will not be sure, but I know it was twice, and I think it was three times.

4537. Do you mean really to tell us that twice you received a cheque from Mr. Hughes for 9*l.* to give to Axon, and that you gave it to Axon without anything between you, or anything being said about it?—I do not know what they had been talking about, I am sure.

4538. I am not asking you what Mr. Hughes had said to Axon, but I am asking you what is a very plain question, and you must understand it perfectly, viz., do you mean to tell us that twice you received a cheque from Mr. Hughes, with directions to take the proceeds of the cheques to Axon, and on both occasions you met him accidentally, and nothing took place between you. Did you meet him accidentally the second time?—Not that I know of.

4539. Did you meet him in the streets, or go to his house?—He came down to Deal.

4540. Where did you see him in Deal upon the second occasion?—Just at the bottom of our street.

4541. Did you meet him there accidentally, or did you send for him?—I did not send for him.

4542. Did you meet him casually?—He is very often down at Deal.

4543. Did you expect to see him?—Yes, I did expect to see him, to give him the money.

4544. Why did you expect to see him?—Because the money was given to me to give to him.

4545. (*Mr. Turner.*) How did he know that?—I do not know.

4546. (*Mr. Holl.*) How came you to meet him there; was it a mere accident that you met him in the street, or had you sent for him?—I do not know, but I did meet him and gave him the money; he might have come down on purpose to see me.

4547. Do you mean to tell us that upon the second occasion you did not say anything to him as to what was to be done with the money?—I tell you I might, but I forget it, or he might have said something to me.

4548. You have told us that over and over again?—I cannot tell you anything else.

4549. Do you tell us that you do not remember on either occasion whether you said anything to him about what was to be done with this money, or whether he said anything about it?—I do not recollect it.

4550. (*Mr. Turner.*) Was it near the bank that you met him?—No, I live in Wellington Road, towards the "Victoria" Hotel, some distance from the bank.

4551. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive any other money at all in connection with the election besides the sums you have mentioned, and these two or three sums which you had from Mr. Hughes to give to Mr. Axon?—No.

4552. Nothing at all?—No.

4553. That you are quite sure of?—Yes, quite sure of.

4554. Did you pay to anyone any moneys, excepting those you have told us of?—No.

4555. Not to anyone?—No.

4556. Directly or indirectly?—No.

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4557. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

4558. Have you heard the last witness's evidence about two sums of 9*l.* each, which he says he gave to you?—Yes.

4559. What have you to say as to that?—I received it from him.

4560. How many sums?—Three sums.

4561. Three sums of 9*l.*?—Yes.

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4562. In gold?—Yes.
4563. Where did you receive it from him?—In the streets at different times.
4564. Did you come to meet him?—I was down that way, knowing it was due to me.
4565. What for?—For work that we had done.
4566. What work?—As watchmen; me and 17 more were employed at 5s. a night.
4567. Had you had any communication with Mr. Hughes about it?—Yes.
4568. When was that?—About 12 days before the election.
4569. What did Mr. Hughes tell you to do?—We agreed, 18 of us, for 5s. a night, to look after the poles and see that no one destroyed them.
4570. Did he tell you how he would pay you?—Yes, I was to go down for the money every two days.
4571. Where to?—Where Mr. Hughes was, at the "Royal" Hotel, but by chance I fell in with Spears, and he told me he had my money, and of course I received it off him.
4572. Were you a canvasser at all?—No.
4573. You did no canvassing?—No.
4574. All you did was watching?—Yes, me and 17 more were watching the poles by night.
4575. What did you do with the 9l. when you got them?—Took it and shared it directly amongst my crew.
4576. Is that all the money you received during the election?—No.
4577. What else did you receive?—I received 27l. from Mr. Hughes.
4578. In one sum?—Yes, that was six days' pay, because I could not fall in with him the fourth and fifth nights.
4579. Did you receive any money from a man named Kynaston, 18l.?—It might come through Mr. Kynaston's hands.
4580. What is he?—A gentleman, residing in Walmer.
4581. What was that balance for?—I do not recollect receiving any 18l. from Mr. Kynaston, all that me and my party had was 54l.
4582. Do you think that this 18l. is part of that, or another sum?—That 18l. may be a part of the last 27l. I received.
4583. Did you distribute that in the same way?—Yes, directly I got it.
4584. All this was before the election?—Yes.
4585. You had 5s. a night?—Yes, for 12 nights, 18 of us.
4586. Had you any other communication, besides what you have told us of, with Mr. Hughes?—No, no communication whatever—we only agreed with him to look after the poles, me and 17 more, and I was to receive the money every two days. I received the first six days every second day, and I received it of Mr. Spears.
4587. Have you got any list of the 17 men who worked with you?—No, but I know the names. I have no list.
4588. Can you write the names down?—I can tell you the names as I stand here.
4589. Give the Christian and surname, and where they live?—I cannot tell you the street, there is only one street in Walmer, and it is in so many divisions.
4590. Were they all boatmen?—Yes.
4591. If you give the Christian and surname that will do?—John Mercer, Joseph Mercer, James Bushell, John Wood, Arthur Wood, James Simms, John Elsdon, Thomas Smith, William Smith, George Redman, Richard Stokes, Henry Stokes, John Elliott, Edward Coleman, Richard Heard. I cannot remember the others.
4592. Perhaps you will be able to remember them presently, are these men voters?—Yes, I believe, nearly all of them are voters.
4593. You are a voter?—Yes.
4594. Did you select these men yourself, or were you told to employ them?—No, we joined together to get a job.
4595. Did Mr. Hughes say anything to you about the men you were to select?—We went and presented ourselves to Mr. Hughes, and told him we wanted some work to do.
4596. When you first went to Mr. Hughes, and he told you he would employ you to look after the poles, did he tell you to employ any particular men?—No.
4597. What did you tell him?—I told him we wanted

a job. I told him there were a good many of us out of work and we wanted a job, and that we should like the job of looking after the poles, as most likely someone would pull them down if they were not looked after; and he gave us the job at 5s. a night to look after the poles, and that was 12 days before the election came off.

4598. (Mr. Holl.) There were 18 who wanted work?—Yes, there were 18 of us who had been talking the matter over, and he gave us the job, at 5s. a night, to look after the poles.

4599. You 18 had arranged amongst yourselves beforehand?—Yes, we had had a little conversation over the matter; we were like the rest, we wanted a few beans out of the sack.

4600. Tell us what the conversation was, as near as you can remember; the substance of it?—It was not much, only that everyone that was there wanted a job.

4601. And they deputed you to go to Mr. Hughes?—We see Mr. Hughes up the road, and stopped him, and formed a bit of a ring round him, and he gave us the job; and they selected me to go and receive the money, and I had to come down every second night to get the money.

4602. I suppose he knew you were boatmen at Walmer?—Yes, he could see by our rig that we were boatmen.

4603. Did you give him the names of the men you were going to employ?—Yes, I did.

4604. At the time?—Yes; I wrote them all down and gave it to him. It is not likely he was going to pay me for a man if he did not have his name.

4605. (Mr. Turner.) Can you think of the other two men?—No, I cannot. Alfred Turnbull was another.

4606. Did you or your comrades do anything as canvassers, or did you act as messengers?—No, not that I am aware of.

4607. You were not employed in that way?—No, only to look after the poles at nights.

4608. (Mr. Jeune.) When you saw Mr. Hughes did he make any difficulty about it?—No; we met him on the road publicly and talked to him, and told him we wanted a job; and, these poles being erected, we said they would want someone to look after them. He said, "How many are there of you," and we said "18 of us;" and we told him our terms, and he agreed.

4609. It was you who suggested that the poles wanted watching?—Yes, me and the rest; we all had a say in it; it was not me alone who spoke.

4610. It was you who suggested to him that the poles wanted watching, and not he to you?—Yes, we suggested it to him; not me alone, but me and the rest.

4611. Did you name the terms, or did he name the terms?—He named the terms, 5s. a night; he said he would give 5s. a night.

4612. You asked him what he would give?—Yes.

4613. And he said, "I will give 5s. a night?"—Yes; the 18 of us, as we all wanted a job, and I had to take a list of the names to him.

4614. That was about 12 days before the election?—Yes.

4615. There were some poles up, I suppose, then?—Yes, a great many were up then; and they kept putting them up every day afterwards.

4616. Can you tell me how many there were up then in Walmer and Deal?—I should think 60 to 70 in Walmer alone, both sides.

4617. I suppose you only had to watch the poles on your own side?—Yes, that is all.

4618. When you first began to watch there were none up upon the other side; they were all your poles?—Yes, all Conservative poles then, for about five or six nights.

4619. Can you tell me about how many there were when you first began to watch?—About 18 poles.

4620. There were 18 of you, and 18 poles, so that there was a man to a pole?—I could not say to one or two.

4621. Can you tell me how many there were put up before the Liberals put up any; before they came upon the field indeed? You say, for five or six nights there were none of the other side put up?—There were one or two Liberal poles up then.

4622. How many were there of yours about? Of course I do not want it exactly?—I should think the first five or six days there were 15 or 16 in the districts we

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had to look after; but people had put up poles in their own yards, but that was nothing to do with us.

4623. Were you engaged for Walmer alone, or Deal and Walmer?—Walmer. We had nothing to do with Deal at all.

4624. There were 18 of you to watch the poles of Walmer alone?—Yes.

4625. Did you watch them at night at all?—Yes.

4626. How many of you stayed up?—We used to be in two divisions. Some took the fore part, and some the morning part; watch and watch.

4627. In divisions of nine?—Yes.

4628. Nine of you took the day, and nine the night?—No, we were not about in the day watching; there was no fear of the poles being cut in the day, but it was in the night we were watching.

4629. Each division took half the night?—Yes.

4630. Was there any attempt made to injure the poles?

—There were some crawling about in the night, but when they saw anybody upon the move they were off.

4631. There were not many people about at night at all, were there?—I do not know, there were a good many about at different times. When the other party got about I daresay they had a watching party also.

4632. Do you remember the election of 1874?—I was here.

4633. Did you have any employment at that time?—No, nor yet voted.

4634. Had you a vote?—Yes.

4635. You got no employment, so you did not vote?—It was not for that reason at all.

4636. Was it not; how came you not to vote in 1874?—Because I was away.

4637. This time you were here, and voted?—Yes. We thought we would have a few beans as well as the rest.

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JOHN ASHLEY FOSTER sworn and examined.

4638. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are the landlord of the "Royal Hotel"?—Yes.

4639. You sent in some bills, I think, to the Conservative side of this election?—Some private accounts do you mean of Mr. Roberts?

4640. Any accounts?—Yes.

4641. To whom did you send in those bills?—To Mr. Pope, the butler, or to the housekeeper, Mrs. Stedman, and the rest to Captain Roberts.

4642. Mr. Crompton Roberts was not staying in your house?—Yes. His first appearance was upon April 29th, and he went away upon the 30th; he came down again on the 4th May, and stayed three days, I think, and then he himself left for Stanley House; but Captain Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, and Miss Gordon, returned the same evening; they left for dinner, and left early the day after that.

4643. Then they went to Stanley House?—Yes.

4644. To whom did you give in the bill for that; do you say, to Mrs. Stedman?—Mrs. Stedman called for the bills in my room; they were not sent in to Mr. Roberts.

4645. How many bills have you sent in at all to anybody on the Conservative side?—I think there may be three.

4646. Perhaps you have got a copy of them?—Yes (*handing a paper*).

4647. Were these separate bills?—Yes.

4648. There are six I see?—Yes, and one of those six bills can be sub-divided. I have given you the amount of 17*l.*, and that is divisible into three.

4649. To whom were these bills sent?—The first, I think, was paid by Mr. Crompton Roberts; then, I think, Mr. Pope paid the second, and the third was paid by Mrs. Stedman.

4650. To whom was the second sent?—It was not actually sent in; Mr. Pope asked for the bill, and paid it.

4651. He is the butler?—Yes.

4652. The third is 27*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.*?—Yes; I am under the impression Mrs. Stedman paid it, but I am not quite certain.

4653. What is the fourth; who paid that?—I think the coachman.

4654. Was that for the horses?—Yes.

4655. How many horses had Mr. Crompton Roberts down here?—Six.

4656. Then there is a bill of 17*l.* 19*s.* 1*d.*?—I think that was paid by the butler.

4657. Then there is a very small sum of 17*s.*?—Yes; that was paid by Captain Roberts.

4658. Were the whole of those bills for personal expenses, if I may so put it, of Mr. Roberts and his family?—A private hotel account.

4659. Was any part of them for refreshments, or anything of that kind, supplied to anybody else except Mr. Roberts and his family?—To no other person except Mr. Nethersole, who had luncheon on one occasion; there was nothing in the way of treating, it is a private hotel account. You mentioned whether the bills were for personal expenses of Mr. Roberts and his family, and I should not consider some were members of his family, and Mr. Nethersole I give as one, and he had luncheon once.

4660. Was the amount paid as represented by these bills?—Yes.

4661. Were there any cheques?—No, I think it was all in cash.

4662. Was not the sum of 27*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.* paid to you by a cheque of Mr. Crompton Roberts?—No, I do not think so; it may have been, but I am under the impression it was all cash.

4663. You have not got, I suppose, copies of the bills?—No, the bills were given to the butler and the housekeeper; they would have the bills.

4664. I suppose the bills would show exactly what the amount was for?—Yes, exactly corresponding with those amounts.

4665. There are two sums put down in the returned expenses of Mr. Hughes. Foster, 25*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, and again 21*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*; did Mr. Hughes pay to you those two sums?—I am certain of the first one, 25*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* (*handing a paper*).

4666. This was paid to you by Mr. Hughes?—Or Mr. Thomas; it was sent by cheque.

4667. I see first of all an item of 15*l.*; what is that for?—Committee room.

4668. A committee room was engaged at your house?—It was used for business at the election; whether they called it a committee room or not I do not know, but I think it was called the committee room.

4669. A room for use at the election?—Yes.

4670. What sort of a room is it?—Rather a large room; it may be termed my coffee room.

4671. What was done with it during the election?—They transacted the general business there of the election, and there were many clerks employed there.

4672. Were clerks engaged at work there?—Yes, and there was Mr. Hughes's room as well.

4673. How many clerks were there engaged?—I cannot say how many.

4674. There is a sum of 10*l.* paid out to Brooks; what was that?—That was for carriage hire.

4675. Who is Brooks?—A fly proprietor. Mr. Hughes had no change at the time that Mr. Brooks applied for the money, and he asked me to pay it for him, which he paid back afterwards.

4676. Then "James 5*s.*"?—Yes, that was for taking down flags.

4677. The others are small sums I see; was that the only sum which you received from Mr. Hughes?—No, I have another sum here of 24*l.* for the band, and there is the receipt.

4678. "Band of 24 or less upon polling day, from 12 a.m., at 1*l.* a man, and to wear the Conservative colours, 24 rosettes;" that is 24*l.*?—Yes.

4679. Who is John Loughlin?—That is the person I arranged with—one of the band.

4680. Did you agree with Mr. Loughlin that he was to have 24*l.* for his band?—Yes.

4681. And you paid him 24*l.*?—Yes.

4682. Are those the only sums you received from Mr. Hughes?—Those are the only sums beyond changing a cheque occasionally. I frequently gave change for a cheque, but not to receive any sum of money.

4683. You generally gave it in gold?—Yes. Supposing they wanted change for a cheque, I cashed it, or took it to the bank and got change for it.

4684. There is a sum of 21*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*?—I cannot quite remember that. It is possible it is one of Mr. Hughes's

bills that he has charged Mr. Roberts with as election expenses. I believe there is a bill of that amount, but I should consider that Mr. Hughes's private account.

4685. This is a bill of 22*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*, put down under the same head as the 25*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, of which you have told us?—I am not certain, but I think there is an account in my book to Mr. Hughes for that amount, and I have some idea that was mentioned upon the Petition. Another bill was given which reminded me at the time that it was his private account.

4686. Do you mean, private account at your hotel?—Yes. I think afterwards he charged it as electioneering expenses. I remember at the Petition another amount was named, which at the time reminded me it was his private account.

4687. There are these two items put down under your name in the returned expenses?—Then I imagine he has charged what I considered his private account to Mr. Roberts as an electioneering expense.

4688. That hardly corresponds, because it is 21*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*, so that it must have been a specific payment?—It is not down upon my paper, is it?

4689. No. In the election expenses returned there is an item of 21*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.* in your name, and I do not find that that corresponds with anything upon your list?—No. I have returned you the private account of Mr. Roberts, and not any account of Mr. Hughes that he may have charged as electioneering expenses. I will refer to my books, and possibly I shall find such an account. I received two cheques from Mr. Hughes, one was for 25*l.* odd, and another was for his private account, which I fancy is the amount you are now asking me about; and I have no doubt that is the amount which he has charged as an electioneering expense.

4690. Now, besides the items there which you say were paid, the 25*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* and the 24*l.*, did you receive any other money from Mr. Hughes?—No other sums.

4691. Or from Mr. Roberts?—No, except his own private hotel account.

4692. I thought you told me this was his private hotel account?—That is Mr. Roberts' private account, but several times Mr. Hughes has been down since, and of course I received sums of money for his accounts; but no other sums during the election.

4693. Or in respect of the election?—Nor in respect of the election.

4694. Or from anybody connected with the Conservative cause?—No, no other sums whatever.

4695. Is that the whole of the money which you received from the Conservative side in connexion with the election?—Certainly.

4696. And any sums that have been paid to you since have been merely hotel bills?—Yes, merely hotel bills since.

4697. That is another thing altogether. Now would you make out for us from your books the items that go to make up this 98*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes.

4698. We should be much obliged if you would have them copied out and sent to us?—Certainly.

4699. I daresay we shall not have to ask you to come again, for I daresay they will explain themselves, but we should like to see them. These sums you have enumerated, I understand, are all the monies you received from Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hughes, or from anybody connected with the Conservative party in respect of the election?—Yes, all I received.

4700. At your house were any refreshments supplied to voters?—None whatever.

4701. Your house was used on the Conservative side alone?—Yes.

4702. It had nothing to do with the Liberals at the election?—No.

4703. Then if you will kindly send us the items of the 98*l.* copied from your books I think that will be all we need trouble you with?—Very well, sir, I will.

WILLIAM HENRY RAMELL sworn and examined.

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4704. We understand you are a painter?—Yes.

4705. We have heard from your brother yesterday that you were employed to paint some flags?—Not particularly to paint them.

4706. Tell us what you did?—I had to make them. I had them made. You have a statement of my account there, I think, showing what I did.

4707. Is that a business you generally carry on—making flags?—When they are wanted, but it is a thing not very often wanted in Deal.

4708. Did you ever make any before?—Yes, thousands—hundreds.

4709. Was that on election occasions?—Yes, and other times besides. I said thousands, and no doubt perhaps I have made thousands.

4710. What instructions did you get from your brother?—My brother came to me on the morning of Sir Julian Goldsmid's coming down over night and said that he had received instructions from Mr. Edwards to get some poles erected and some flags made, because he saw there were some poles up on the other side, and he had no doubt our people would want the same. He asked me whether I would mind doing it. I said, "Oh no! I will do it." Accordingly he went with me round to all the drapers—certain drapers whom we knew had always voted on the Liberal side, and he gave them instructions to supply me with the material for these flags, and not to let anyone else have it, but either himself and me. Accordingly I had some on that day, and I made a few flags. Well, it struck me very forcibly at night—I had heard talk about these illegal acts—I cannot agree with the Legislature there that it is an illegal act, but we will not argue that.

4711. We will not trouble about that?—No. I think it is not an illegal act.

4712. Kindly tell us what you did?—It struck me, as this is an illegal act—

4713. Who said that?—I said so to myself—as this is an illegal act I do not think I will go on with this job. I was a little bit put back by the drag—seeing the drag here rather frightened me. I did not like the appearance of that drag, I know what it is. We had a Downs Docks affair here once, and this had very much the appearance of the Downs Dock.

4714. Do you mean by a drag a four-horse carriage?—Yes, a four-horse drag. Well, I got up early next

morning, and I went to my brother and said, "John, I am going to strike this job. I do not mean to have nothing to do with any more flags; I think, as the Legislature says it is illegal, I should not like to do anything that would injure Sir Julian Goldsmid if there came a contest, and," I says, "Now you go and see Mr. Edwards;" and at 10 in the morning he went to see Mr. Edwards, with instructions from me to say I thought it was not right. He came back from Mr. Edwards to me to say he had seen Sir Julian—he understood that Mr. Edwards had seen Sir Julian, and it was an understood thing on both sides that flags would be allowed. Accordingly I did the flags, and you have the statement of my account there, and I will answer any questions about it. I worked through the whole week, night and day, making those flags, and I think I made about 300. Unfortunately I had not got another helper in the town. Our friends on the other side got so many that can make flags, and I was alone in doing so.

4715. Your brother came back and told you what Mr. Edwards had said, did he?—The instructions he got was that Sir Julian Goldsmid said, Oh it was an understood thing on both sides, that they would have flags.

4716. That is what he understood from Mr. Edwards?—Yes.

4717. Tell us exactly what he said?—He said that Mr. Edwards had said—these are the words, I think, he said, and no doubt it is correct—that Mr. Edwards had seen Sir Julian Goldsmid, and it was an understood thing on both sides. It generally was an understood thing on both sides, and that we were to go on with it. Accordingly I went to work, and, I think, I made I should say about 300 flags.

4718. Have you got any memoranda, or any books, to show how many you made?—Nothing whatever. I had no time to enter things, or anything of that sort; my time was fully occupied. I do not think I had an hour's sleep the whole time.

4719. Kindly merely answer the question. Have you any memoranda or book?—No, none whatever; only what I gave in.

4720. Have you any memoranda of what quantity of material you had delivered to you?—No.

4721. Then you have nothing to show in writing at all what quantity of material you received, or how many flags you made?—No, nothing.

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4722. What memoranda have you handed in, do you say?—Sometime after the election was over Mr. Edwards wanted to give a statement of accounts in to, I suppose, Lewis and Lewis, and I made up from memory (and I have not a bad memory) a statement of account, and gave it to my brother for him to present to Mr. Edwards, and that is the account that you gentlemen have.

4723. What did that show on the face of it, do you remember?—All that I paid.

4724. But did it give any details?—Yes, it gave the details of what I paid, and the whole amount, and what I have received.

4725. What you paid to the different people?—Yes, the different people, for sewing.

4726. What you paid to those people you employed to assist you in making the flags?—Yes, the people that I gave the work out to.

4727. Did you take receipts from those people?—None whatever.

4728. You say you paid these sums?—Yes.

4729. And you have no receipts or vouchers for them?—No.

4730. There is, "Paid men for labour, 6*l.* 10*s.*"—Yes, that was men that came up and assisted on my premises.

4731. Do you know who they were?—Yes, several of them. There was a man named Nicholls, and a man named Moulst, that was one of my own men, a painter, and a man named Clements.

4732. He is put down separately at 1*l.* 10*s.*?—That is another Clements, the father.

4733. Have you any memorandum or account showing what these people did for these sums?—No, none whatever.

4734. There is Long, 5*l.*?—Yes.

4735. Bayly, 5*l.*?—Yes.

4736. Miss Curling, 5*l.*?—Yes.

4737. And Matthews, 5*l.*?—Yes.

4738. Those are sums paid for materials, are they?—No, for labour; making.

4739. Have you any account at all showing what they did for their money?—No, none whatever.

4740. Did each of them make exactly the same number?—No.

4741. Then why pay them 5*l.* each?—Well, I gave them 5*l.*

4742. Without any particulars of what they had done?—None whatever.

4743. There is Clements, 1*l.* 10*s.*, and again Clements, 4*l.*, and you have no memoranda of what those people did?—None.

4744. Can you tell me the number of flags any of these people made; Mr. Long and Mr. Bayly for instance?—I cannot tell at all. If I had been a flag they would have had me. These flags were made on my premises, and they came and fetched them, and I had no time whatever to take any memorandum of anything that went out.

4744*a.* You say people came and fetched them; who came and fetched them?—The watermen sent to me.

4744*b.* I am speaking now of the people you paid, not those who had flags afterwards. Long, Bayly, Matthews, and Miss Curling, were paid 5*l.* each, and you have had no memorandum showing what they did, or the number of flags they made, or anything?—No. I think I can explain that, if you will allow me.

4744*c.* Then do so shortly?—I had a great objection to paying people for their votes, bribery and corruption you know, a very great objection, and I knew these people had votes, and I gave them the job to make these flags.

4744*d.* I understand?—Well, I must give it to some one; somebody must make all the flags, and I might just as well give them the job as anyone else.

4744*e.* You had a great objection to paying anybody for their votes?—Yes.

4744*f.* And you knew these people had votes?—Yes.

4744*g.* And so you employed them to make the flags?—Yes.

4744*h.* And gave them 5*l.* each?—Yes.

4744*i.* So you paid them for the flags instead of paying them for their votes?—Yes. I must pay somebody, and so I gave them the job.

4744*j.* And that is how you carried out your objection to paying anybody for their votes?—Yes.

4745. Was that the same with Clements?—Yes.

4746. And Long and Bayly?—Yes, every one.

4747. And Matthews?—I must explain. Matthews did not make flags, it was wooden stretchers to put the flags on.

4748. But you employed him on the same principle?—On the same principle.

4749. Then I see there is Mr. Pitcher, Boal, Smith, Williams, Noble, Buttress, Wilmhurst, Mose, Clements, Lambert, and Parsons; all of them are paid the same; are most of them voters?—No, they are mostly women who came and wanted a job.

4750. Then you paid men for labour 6*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

4751. Were they employed upon the same principle?—Yes.

4752. And with the same view?—Yes.

4753. Did you pay yourself 10*l.* on the same principle?—I think you will find, gentlemen, when you come to look at the end, that I have not had anything.

4754. But you charge 10*l.*?—Well, shall I get it, is the question.

4755. Have you a vote?—Yes, I have had one these 30 years.

4756. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Now just tell me this, you selected these people because they were your friends?—Yes.

4757. Liberals, and friends of the Liberals?—Yes, they lived close to me or a few doors away.

4758. And you chose them because they were friends of the Liberal cause?—Well, I believed it.

4759. Did you say anything to any of them about voting for you?—Yes; that is, those five.

4760. (*Mr. Holl.*) The "five-pounders"?—Yes.

4761. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You said something to them about voting, did you?—Yes, I had seen certain parties on the opposite side round the doorway, and of course I went to them and told them I could not give them anything for their vote, but I would give them employment equal to what they were promised on the other side. I knew within a little what they were promised on the other side.

4762. (*Mr. Holl.*) If they would vote for your side?—Yes, and I have reason to believe they did vote.

4763. Tell us the names of those you told that to?—Curling.

4764. What is the Christian name?—John Curling I think it is, he lives at 54, West Street.

4765. What is he?—He is a pensioner. I must tell you that he had a wife and daughter, and they made them by the sewing machine.

4766. You put it down to the daughter?—Did I put it down to the daughter?

4767. Yes?—Well, it is no matter, it was well understood what it was for. I understand that.

4768. (*Mr. Jeune.*) So did they, I suppose?—Yes.

4769. (*Mr. Holl.*) And it being understood you put it down to the daughter?—Yes, I had my money's worth.

4770. Then I see there is Mr. Long?—Yes.

4771. What is his Christian name?—John Long.

4772. Where does he live?—He resides in Wellington Road, he is a lodger I think.

4773. Then there is Bayly, what is his Christian name?—I do not know.

4774. What is he?—He works at a milk walk.

4775. Where does he live?—No. 9, St. George's Place.

4776. Then Matthews?—He lives at No. 11, St. George's Place.

4777. What is his Christian name?—Thomas Matthews.

4778. And Moulst?—He is one of my own men, he has not a vote.

4779. He is not one of those you arranged with?—No.

4780. Was Clements?—Clements was.

4781. What is his Christian name?—William Clements.

4782. Where does he live?—He lives in Chapel Lane, I do not know the number of his house.

4783. Are there any others in this list that you made any arrangement with to employ them with a view to getting their votes; just look at it (*handing the list to the witness*)?—No, these are all women and girls.

4784. The others are women and girls, are they?—Yes, they came in, and I wanted hands, and I employed them.

4785. Were any of the men to whom you paid 6*l.* 10*s.* for labour voters that you made this arrangement with?—One man, I think, was a voter.

4786. Who is he?—His name is Buttress.

4787. What is his Christian name?—Peter, I think.

4788. Do you know where he lives?—No, I do not know where he lives; I know he lives in Deal.

4789. And you think his name is Peter Buttress?—I will not be certain, either Peter or George.

4790. Did you arrange with him about his vote?—I did not arrange with him.

4791. Does he live in Middle Street, Deal?—I cannot say exactly; it is somewhere in the north end of Deal; I can find out for you.

4792. Do so, and let us know?—Yes; whether he has not gone to an asylum now I do not know, or whether he is back again I do not know. He takes on so about the election, that our party should lose.

4793. Did you arrange with him for his vote?—No, nothing whatever. He came in, and I said, "Peter, here, you can do this."

4794. He asked for employment?—Yes, he came in, and I gave him a job.

4795. Did you make any arrangement with him about voting for you or your party?—No; no doubt he was arranged with by someone else.

4796. Did you say he should have anything if he voted for you?—No, nothing.

4797. Did you expect he would vote for you?—Well, very doubtful; I do not trust anyone now under the Ballot Act.

4798. Is there anyone else in this list that you made any arrangement of that kind with, that they should vote in consideration of employment?—None whatever.

4799. And you have told us the five?—Yes.

4800. One of those five that you mentioned is a milkman?—Yes.

4801. Did he do anything in the way of assisting to make the flags?—Not he; his wife did.

4802. Have you received any money besides the 25*l.* you told us you had received on account?—None whatever.

4803. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.

4804. Have you paid any money to anyone excepting the sums you have mentioned in this account?—Not one penny.

4805. Or promised any?—No, there is none promised.

4806. Is your brother here?—No, I do not expect he is; it is a busy day on Saturday; I do not think he is here.

4807. I should like him to be sent for at once?—I have no doubt but that he will come down immediately.

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4819. (*Mr. Turner.*) You are a hosier and glover in Deal?—Yes.

4820. Did you supply any goods at the last election?—I did.

4821. I have got five bills of yours here; one for 8*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, one for 3*s.* 6*d.*, one for 10*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.*, one for 15*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, and one for 5*l.*?—They are all right.

4822. And those bills are for articles supplied by you?—Yes, to Mr. Usher.

4823. Are all those bills entered in your books?—Yes, they were all paid on the same evening, as they were sent in the morning.

4824. When were they paid?—The same evening.

4825. But what evening?—The evening of the dates of the bills.

4826. Before the election?—Yes.

4827. You know the total of your own bills, I suppose?—No, I don't now.

4828. I make it out just 40*l.*?—I don't know the total.

4829. There is two dozen rosettes for horses?—Yes.

4830. Who ordered those?—I expect Mr. Usher did.

4831. At 18*s.* a dozen?—Yes.

4832. Is that the average price?—Sometimes they are more than that, according to the size. I have sometimes made them as much as 2*s.* 6*d.* or 3*s.* a rosette. Of course so many yards of ribbon as you put in adds to the expense.

4808. We will get you to remain here for a little while till your brother comes?—Yes; may I make a little statement?

4809. Certainly?—I think you have the counter-petition, have you not, of Sandwich?

4810. (*Mr. Jeune.*) There was no counter-petition?—The whole of the proceedings on the petition, I mean?

4811. Yes?—I think you will find a statement made, I do not know whether by Mr. Hughes, or whether it is a statement made by Mr. Matthews, the counsel for Mr. Crompton Roberts, that a painter was paid 50*l.* for blue paint.

4812. Yes?—Well, gentlemen, this is a small place, and when these little things get about one is placed in rather an awkward position among his fellow-townsmen when you have nothing to show. There is an account of that published; whether it was Mr. Hughes said so, or Mr. Matthews, the counsel, I do not know, but he was summing up how the Liberal party had gone on, and he said, "There, gentlemen, here is an account of 50*l.* for blue paint from one painter in Deal." Mr. Edwards saw me the next morning, and, says he, "Look out, Ramell, there is something in the paper for you to-day; they have got your 50*l.* for blue paint." Now, of course, when such a statement is made, and people do not know better, they take it for granted it is so. Now, I never supplied one ounce of blue paint to the party the whole time. How it was, was in this manner. I gave you a description of the poles, and fortunately for me there is a blue painter in Deal (they are like angels' visits), and this man supplied them with four 14*s.* of paint to paint these poles down; but it was done in this manner. I have no doubt Mr. Hughes or Mr. Matthews says 50*l.* for blue paint, but he had taken the "o" off the 50 lbs. of blue paint, and had twisted it over, and instead of "o-f" he had added "o-r" to it.

4813. (*Mr. Holl.*) And you did not supply any paint?—No.

4814. You think it is 50 lbs. weight, and not money?—Yes.

4815. I daresay it is?—Then he goes all over the town and says, "Why, 50*l.* for blue paint." Now perhaps it will satisfy the gentlemen here I am not what they thought for.

4816. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are quite right. Did you speak at any of the Liberal meetings, sir?—No, I am not a speaker.

4817. I think you would have spoken very well if you had?—I only attended one meeting, and that was on the night when Sir Julian Goldsmid came down, and I was perfectly satisfied with his views. You will find, gentlemen, I am about 10*l.* or 12*l.*, or nearly 20*l.*, out of pocket.

4818. (*Mr. Holl.*) You will wait until your brother comes?—Yes.

4833. Then there is 10 dozen at 9*s.*, 4*l.* 10*s.*, were they for the horses?—No.

4834. For human beings then?—They were for voters.

4835. The larger rosettes were for the horses?—Yes.

4836. How much ribbon did you put in?—I could not say unless I saw them; perhaps five or six yards, or perhaps not more than four yards.

4837. And in the smaller ones?—About two yards.

4838. Two yards in those at 9*s.* a dozen?—Yes.

4839. Was not that an unusual quantity to put into rosettes?—No, not to get any size; sometimes they are larger than that.

4840. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you mean to say that there were two yards of ribbon in each rosette you made for the voters?—Yes, I expect there was; perhaps more.

4841. (*Mr. Turner.*) Do you know anything about it?—No, I don't make them.

4842. (*Mr. Jeune.*) They were good big rosettes, I suppose?—Yes, a good size.

4843. (*Mr. Turner.*) What is this, "6 ps. ribbon, 36 yards at 12*s.* 9*d.*"?—That is six pieces, and 36 yards in each piece.

4844. What were they used for?—I don't know, Mr. Usher had them. I expect, for decorating the poles, or something of that kind.

4845. You supplied them to Mr. Usher direct?—Yes I don't know what they were for.

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4846. "Ditto, 54 pieces of cambric at 8½d. a yard" ?—They were for flags.

4847. Did they go to Mr. Usher?—Yes; it all went to Mr. Usher.

4848. For rosettes and everything?—Yes.

4849. And you employed people out of your shop to make them?—Yes, and in the shop too.

4850. On May 12th there are some more rosettes, five dozen at 10s.?—Yes.

4851. What is the difference between them and the others?—Probably they were made with a little wider ribbon. The ribbon is of different widths, bear in mind.

4852. Did they go to Mr. Usher too?—Yes, they went to Mr. Usher, too.

4853. Then May 14th, 10 dozen rosettes, at 10s.; then three dozen, at 12s.; and six dozen, at 9s.—Yes.

4854. How was it you made a difference in the price?—According to the width of the ribbon.

4855. Were you ordered to make them different?—We were obliged to make them up according to the widths we had in stock; we could not always get one uniform width; we had to get what we could.

4856. Then there is a pair for horses, 3s.?—That is a very large pair.

4857. Then, "One piece of ribbon, 8s. 9d." Had you ever such an order as this before the election?—Yes.

4858. Such orders as these?—Yes, and much heavier than these.

4859. When?—Of Mr. Worms.

4860. You mean when Baron de Worms stood for the place?—Yes; I took 64l.

4861. You are a voter, of course?—Yes.

4862. Have you been paid all?—Yes, all. I was paid on the same evening of the day the goods were had.

4863. Have you received or paid any other monies with reference to the election?—No, except some portraits I supplied to Mr. Roberts.

4864. Those are the photographs we have heard of?—Yes.

4865. Are you a photographer?—My son is.

4866. He had 500?—Yes.

4867. What did you charge per dozen for them? Were they *cartes de visite*?—Yes, and some cabinets.

4868. And what did you charge?—10s. a dozen.

4869. For *cartes de visite*?—Yes.

4870. That is rather high, is it not?—No.

4871. I don't wish to depreciate your son's work, of course?—They were all vignettes, and the London Stereoscopic Company would charge 15s. a dozen.

4872. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is the total amount of the charge for photographs?—500 at 10s. a dozen; it came to about 26l. or 27l.

4873. 26l. or 27l. for photographs of your son's and 39l. 10s. 5d. to you also for rosettes and ribbons and cambric?—Yes.

4874. Is your son a voter?—Yes.

4875. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You say, in the contest in 1874 there was just as much expenditure in your shop for rosettes?—More.

4876. Do you remember the contest in 1868? There was a contest in 1868, was there not?—Yes.

4877. Do you remember whether you had such a large order then?—Yes, of Mr. Capper, I think; quite as much—it was more.

4878. Then, as far as your experience goes, there were not more rosettes at this election than usual?—Less than usual. Mr. Capper was much over 40l.

4879. Were the photographs of Mr. Roberts himself?—Yes.

4880. What were they for—distribution among the voters?—Distribution among his friends and voters.

4881. That was a novelty in this election, was it not?—It had been done before in Worms' case.

4882. Was Baron de Worms photographed?—Yes.

4883. And he was circulated in the same way?—He was circulated in the same way, and Capper as well, I believe.

J. Ramell.

JOHN RAMELL re-called and further examined.

4884. (*Mr. Holl.*) Your brother has told us that in the evening you requested him to make some flags?—Yes.

4885. And he has told us that on the following morning a quail had come over his conscience as to whether it was legal or not?—Yes, he came and knocked me up, or at least he came to knock me up, but I was out.

4886. Tell us shortly what took place between you and him then?—He told me that he understood what I was doing was illegal, and I should get myself into trouble. I said, "I don't know; I have taken all my instructions from Mr. Edwards; but I will stop it and have a consultation as soon as the rooms are open this morning." I went to some of the boatmen and told them not to put up any more flags till they heard from me; and afterwards I met Mr. Edwards and Mr. Cornwall and mentioned it to them, and Mr. Edwards said,

"Oh, no; Sir Julian don't mind spending money that way; it is acknowledged on both sides." That was the answer I got from Mr. Edwards.

4887. And did you tell your brother that?—Yes, and I told him to go on as usual.

4888. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did Mr. Edwards say that Sir Julian Goldsmid had said it did not matter?—Yes, it was acknowledged on both sides.

4889. And your brother was to go on?—Yes.

(*Mr. Holl.*) That is all we have to ask you.

(*Mr. W. Ramell.*) May I leave now, sir?

(*Mr. Holl.*) Yes; we only wanted you to stay till your brother had been examined, to see whether your brother's account agreed with yours.

W. Pittock.

WILLIAM PITTOCK sworn and examined.

4890. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What are you?—A tailor.

4891. You supplied goods or did work during the election to the extent of 39l. 10s. 6½d., did you not?—I did.

4892. You sent in your bill?—Yes.

4893. Is that your bill (*handing same to the witness*)?—Yes.

4894. By whom were those goods ordered?—By Mr. Usher.

4895. What did he tell you; to supply exactly those amounts, or supply as much as you liked, or what?—Exactly those amounts.

4896. He came in and ordered ten dozen rosettes?—Yes, that was the first order he gave.

4897. And then "312 yards of Turkey twill; 50 yards of scarlet binding;" what was that for—flags?—The binding was used for making the flags.

4898. Then, "Paid for making 52 flags;" you made 52 flags, did you?—You have it all there. Of course, that material made a great many more flags than you have charged for them.

4899. What became of the rest of the material?—The rest of the material, the largest quantity of material, went to Mr. Usher.

4900. You sent the material as well as the made-up flags?—Yes.

4901. You are a voter, I suppose?—Yes.

4902. Were you here at the contest before this; in 1874?—Yes.

4903. Did you get any employment then?—Very little, indeed.

4904. This was a better election than that then?—I have had other orders before that have been worse; worse than in 1874.

4905. When you say "worse" you mean you got less?—I never got anything.

4906. In 1868 you got nothing?—In 1868 I got an order.

4907. A good one?—About 30l. worth of stuff, or very near that.

4908. This was 40l. you see?—But I say I never received a penny for it.

4909. The order was good, but the payment was bad. This time you got both the order and were paid; paid directly?—I was paid when they were delivered; that was the condition I took the order upon.

4910. But in 1874 you had neither order or payment?—A small order. There was very little done, indeed, then on our side in colours.

4911. That is what I wanted to ask you. In 1874 there was very little done in colours compared to what there was this time?—On our side.

4912. Were there more on the other side?—I know but very little of the other side.

4913. From what you remember of both elections, you say there was generally more expenditure in the way of colours than there was in 1874?—Than in 1874, certainly; but I should not think there was more than there was in 1868. I should think there was more in 1868 in colours.

4914. More even than there was this time?—I should think very probably.

WILLIAM ASHBY CHAPMAN sworn and examined.

4920. You are a draper in Deal?—That is my wife's part of the business.

4921. Your wife is a draper?—Yes.

4922. This is an account for 47*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* for drapery supplied by your wife during this election, rosettes, cambric, and twill?—Yes.

4923. Who ordered it of you?—Mr. Usher.

4924. Is this "paid" your writing or your wife's (*handing the account to the witness*)?—It is my writing; the bill is made out in my wife's name.

4925. But you acknowledge the receipt of it?—Yes.

4926. Is this chiefly for rosettes and flags?—Rosettes and flags, and making the flags.

4927. There are 30 dozen rosettes, I see?—Yes.

4928. It would be 10*s.* a dozen, I suppose, 18*l.*?—I don't know what they are put down there.

4929. Were they 10*s.* a dozen?—12*s.*, I think, was the average price for them.

4930. Then I see, "one flag, extra large, ordered, last by Griggs, 12*s.* 6*d.* What is that?—I think it was for Last, the baker; that was ordered by Mr. Griggs for Last, the baker.

4931. What is Griggs?—A boatman.

4932. Then Mr. Usher did not order that?—He came from Mr. Usher; Mr. Usher sent him to me, but I made a note of it, because he ordered it.

4933. Then "one dozen rosettes, and 12 dozen rosettes, 7*s.* 4*d.*" You supplied 43 dozen rosettes in this bill of 33*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*?—All that is there.

4934. "4½ dozen rosettes by members of the committee." Were they ordered?—That is as they came in and got them, two or three at a time.

4935. Mr. Usher did not order them?—No, I was obliged to get them to get rid of them. I could not afford to loose them.

4936. You have been paid?—Yes.

4937. Are your prices at all higher for an election?—Well, we never made any before. We never had occasion to make them like that before.

4938. You never made any rosettes before?—I had never done anything before. I don't know whether my wife had before we were married. I had never had anything to do with them before.

4939. There is another account, a bill of which we have no voucher. "Chapman, 17*l.* 9*s.*?—Mr. Hughes has got the bill.

4940. This is quite distinct from this other bill?—Quite so.

4941. What was that for?—Flags and rosettes, the same thing.

4942. Has that been paid?—16*l.* of it. I have not seen Mr. Usher since, or I daresay he would have paid the other.

4943. Mr. Usher has got the other?—Yes.

4944. There is another, "Chapman, rosettes, bows for "canvassers, 33*l.* 6*s.*"?—I daresay that is right. You will see the number there. I gave the correct bill in.

4945. Did you send in that bill to Mr. Usher?—Mr. Hughes I expect that bill went to; that was ordered in the room at the "Royal Hotel."

4946. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did Mr. Hughes order them himself?—Yes, he did, in front of the greater part of the committee. They were all saying they could not get any rosettes; other people could get them, and they could not get one; they could not get any for themselves or for their friends.

4947. How many did he order?—He ordered 500. There was over 80 on the committee.

4915. In 1868 and 1874, did you have any orders on the Conservative side?—Oh, yes.

4916. You are a Conservative, I suppose?—Yes.

4917. That is all we need trouble you with?—Will you allow me to mention one thing?

4918. Yes?—My name was mentioned yesterday respecting the colours of Sir Julian Goldsmid; William Pittock, and there is only one William Pittock in the town. It is a mistake; it should be John; I should like to correct that.

4919. (*Mr. Turner.*) You did not supply any colours to Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Not one; never.

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4948. 500 rosettes?—Yes; for each committee man to have six each, and you will find that will be 480, and there was a few left then, and he was to give them away himself. When he asked me about making them, I told him it was an impossibility to get the stuff to do them. I said, "You cannot get the stuff in the town, I have 'bought up all the stuff I can get at once,' and then he said, "You must telegraph for it," and I spent a lot of money in telegraphing for supplies, and I went to both Liberal drapers and other drapers. There are a few of my bills which I found (*handing the same to the Commissioners*). I never thought they would be wanted, or I might, perhaps, find a few more.

4949. Where did you get this stuff from?—There are the bills.

4950. London or where?—Mr. Baldwin was one, a Liberal draper here.

4951. (*Mr. Turner.*) I thought you said you had to go outside for it?—I got as much as I could here. Some of it I got from London. I got it where I could. I got some from Mr. Franklin, a draper, and Mr. Hunt, a draper.

4952. (*Mr. Holl.*) You cleared out the whole town, in fact?—As much as I could get, and I telegraphed away for what I could get; I was to get as much as I could.

4953. Where did you get the rest from?—Some I got from London, and some I bought of private individuals that had bought it; they might come to my shop and buy, perhaps, 50 yards of ribbon, and if they had three or four yards left, I bought it, and got everything I could.

4954. (*Mr. Turner.*) The election was worth 96*l.* to you?—Worth 96*l.*?

4955. That is what you got?—Oh yes; the bills come to that together. I think there is about 60*l.* worth of bills showing what I bought and paid for.

4956. (*Mr. Holl.*) These 500 rosettes you supplied?—Yes.

4957. Did you deliver them to Mr. Hughes himself?—Yes, at his private residence.

4958. 33*l.* How much is that a dozen?—I charged them the same, 12*s.* a dozen. It did not pay as well as what it ought. The expenses were so much in getting them and getting them made.

4959. 500 at 1*s.* would be 25*l.* What is the other 8*l.* 6*s.*? It is 33*l.* 6*s.*?—The bill will show it. That is on a bill I expect that you have not got.

4960. There are "80 rosettes, special," 8*l.*, I see?—Yes.

4961. That was 2*s.* each?—Yes.

4962. And 500 rosettes, 1*s.* each?—Yes.

4963. So that the committee themselves had special rosettes at 2*s.* each?—Yes, and I paid 1*s.* 9*d.* each to get them made for me, and I got 3*d.* on each. I got a pound off the committee ones. The bills will prove what I paid for them. Being so many on the committee, Mr. Hughes wanted a special rosette, so that he might know a committee-man when he met him.

4964. (*Mr. Turner.*) Was it special in its size?—Yes, in every way. He wanted me to get a silver button to put in it. I went to every shop in the town, and I could not get it, but I got a little spray and different things.

4965. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is the total of these bills you have handed in? Have you added them up?—Between 50*l.* and 60*l.*, what I have there.

4966. Are these all bills for the materials that you paid?—Yes, everything.

4967. Do they include any other materials at all?—Yes; there is one bill there for Baldwin, a pound and something added to the bill; but Baldwin's bill is

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8*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* The total is 10*l.* something, I think. It was about 23*s.* or 24*s.* more than what was supplied for the election.

4968. I make this "Bills paid for which I took receipts," coming up to as near as possible 50*l.* ?—Over 50*l.*, I think.

4969. Well, 51*l.* ?—You see, of course, I did not think they would be wanted, or else I should have kept a lot more. Lots were paid I had not receipts for at all. I gave the list of what names I could recollect from memory. Mr. Hughes wanted all I could get, and told me to get all I could.

4970. We will hand you the bills back (*handing same to the witness*) ?—I am much obliged.

4971. (*Mr. Turner.*) Is that all you had to do with the election ?—I was one of their working committee.

4972. Did you get paid for that at all ?—Not one farthing.

4973. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You were on the Conservative committee, of course ?—Yes.

4974. I suppose you expected an order of some sort or

other, did you not ?—Well, no doubt I expected the same as the rest, but still that was not my intention in going on the committee. Anybody could have got an order.

4975. "The same as the rest," you say. I suppose pretty nearly every tradesman in Deal and Walmer got an order of some sort or another in this election, did they not ?—Yes, every tradesman, and everybody else too I think, men, and boys, women, and everybody else, it gave them all a job ; pikeys, and everybody else.

4976. I thought so. Were these 500 rosettes for the canvassers ?—They were for the committee to have six each. The committee were to have their special rosette, so that Mr. Hughes should know them, and to have half a dozen others to give to their friends because they could not get any. And they did have them ; each committee-man had his half dozen.

4977. So that each committee-man had half a dozen to give away ?—Yes ; for those 2*s.* rosettes I paid 1*s.* 9*d.* to get them made, and I agreed with Mr. Hughes before they were made to be 2*s.* ; so I got 3*d.* each off them for all the bother and trouble. These bills show that.

C. Denne.

CHARLES DENNE SWORN and examined.

4978. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is the name of the house you keep ?—"The Star and Garter."

4979. Where at ?—Deal.

4980. Now, we see you have sent in an account for 17*l.* and same odd shillings to Mr. Edwards ?—I think you have made a mistake, sir.

4981. No, it is 17*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* ?—I sent my book in just now for you to peruse, and I think it is only 16*l.* instead of 17*l.*

4982. Look at that, and tell me is that your account (*handing a paper to the witness*) ?—That is 16*l.* 11*s.*

4983. If you look lower down you will see it is 17*l.* odd ?—I do not know anything of that ; there is 16*l.* I have got the bill here in my pocket, and you will find it so in my book.

4984. Let us see what that 16*l.* is first ; you sent in an account for 16*l.* 11*s.* That is for refreshments supplied ?—Perhaps in Mr. Davis's account there are other items. Mr. Edwards was my solicitor. In the other account it is 16*l.* 11*s.*, I think, exactly as I sent the bill in.

4985. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is that you are looking at ?—It is exactly the same.

4986. A fac-simile ?—Yes.

4987. (*Mr. Holl.*) Keep that book in your hand, and look at it. I see altogether you have charged this sum for refreshments alleged to have been supplied ; is that so ?—That is so.

4988. Or rather, 84*l.* for the hire of rooms, and 80*l.* 11*s.* for refreshments ?—You must give me the book or else I cannot tell you ; my book will speak for itself.

4989. You told me just now that Mr. Edwards had your account, and that you were looking at it ?—So it is.

4990. Have you charged in that 84*l.* for the hire of rooms ?—(*After looking at the book.*) The first day's account I see here was 4*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*

4991. Answer the question. Have you charged 84*l.* in your bill for the hire of rooms ; look at it please, if you have it in your hand ?—Yes, I see I have.

4992. Take the bill out of your pocket and look at it ; is that a copy of the bill you sent in ?—This is an exact copy, I believe, as far as I know. For rooms, offices, bed-rooms, 84*l.*

4993. For how many days is that ?—Well, I must run down them. You have the account there as well as I. It is 11 days.

4994. You have charged for 11 days, at how much per day ?—Well, you know, they had seven rooms.

4995. (*Mr. Turner.*) How many do you say ?—Five rooms for the committee ; I think that was put down per day — ; I did not put it down per day.

4996. (*Mr. Holl.*) How have you made out the 84*l.* ; tell us how it is made out ?—That I cannot tell you. About 4*l.* 10*s.* a day, I think. I charged exactly the same as I always charged Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen for years, and Mr. Brassey. I charged them exactly the same price in my account. We have only one price, and there is the book for you to see. There is nothing extra

charged. The prices are exactly the same as I have charged ever since I have been in the house, and I have been there 16 years, and a little over. I know nothing more about it ; the book must speak for itself.

4997. I see there are a number of items. Just take that book in your hand for a moment and look at it. There is a charge day by day for refreshments ; who were those refreshments supplied to ?—Parties in and out of the house.

4998. Did you supply it to anyone who came in ?—No. I believe it will be said so, but I gave orders not to supply it to anyone ; but, at the same time, in that business you know very well I cannot ask a gentleman if he has got the money in his pocket to pay. If you walked into my house and called for 6*d.* worth of brandy, I could not ask you if you were prepared to pay for it.

4999. Did you supply refreshment to any person who came and asked for it ?—I know I asked them not to do so, but the refreshments were supplied.

5000. Who did you supply them to ?—Members of the committee principally.

5001. Do you mean they were all refreshments supplied to members of the committee, that sum of 80*l.* ?—Yes ; and Sir Julian Goldsmid slept at my house three or four nights, and dined there and invited his friends ; and also Mr. Brassey's account comes into it.

5002. Mr. Brassey's account ?—Yes, it is all included ; you can take the book and look, I sent it for the purpose.

5003. Do the items of this claim appear on that book ?—Everything appears here, I suppose.

5004. Just turn down the corners of the pages on which the items appear ?—There is "Sir Julian Goldsmid 8*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*," I see.

5005. Just turn down the corners of the pages on which the items of this account appear ?—(*After looking at the book.*) I cannot see it.

5006. Does all that account appear there ?—Yes.

5007. Then kindly hand in the book. (*The book was handed to the Commissioners.*) We must trouble you to attend here at 10 o'clock on Monday morning ?—Yes, I will do so, Sir.

5008. I hope, then, you will be in a better condition to answer the questions than you are now ?—Why so, Sir ?

5009. You will understand then, if you do not come in a more fit condition to answer questions than you are in now ?—I hope I have not injured myself with you.

5010. I think you had better hold your tongue, Sir, and leave the Court at present, and come in a fit condition to answer questions properly at 10 o'clock on Monday morning ?—I do not think this book is wrong ; I do not know what the book says about them.

5011. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You understand that you are to come back at 10 o'clock on Monday Morning ?—Yes.

5012. (*Mr. Holl.*) Now do not let there be any mistake about that ?—No. Must I leave the book ?

(*Mr. Turner.*) Yes, we will take care of it for you.

(The proceedings were adjourned for a short time.)

SAMUEL LOYNS sworn and examined.

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5013. (*Mr. Jenne.*) I believe you sent in an account in connection with this election to Mr. Usher, did you not?—Yes, I sent it to Mr. Usher or Mr. Marley.

5014. What is your business?—A grocer and draper.

5015. What was the amount of your bill?—It was about 50*l.*

5016. You say you sent the bill in to Mr. Usher?—Yes; either to Mr. Usher or to Mr. Marley; I am not quite sure which; I believe it was Mr. Usher.

5017. The bill has been paid, I suppose, has it not?—Yes.

5018. Did you give a receipt for it when you were paid?—Yes.

5019. On the bill itself?—Yes.

5020. You were a voter, I suppose?—Yes.

5021. Who ordered these goods of you?—Mr. Marley.

5022. I see here is a bill of yours amounting to 39*l.* 9*s.* 1½*d.*; that has been paid. You say those things were ordered by Mr. Marley?—Yes.

5023. 648 yards of bunting, is it?—Yes.

5024. There are other materials, all of which, I suppose, were for flags?—Yes.

5025. How many flags did you make?—We only made about two or three, I think.

5026. You merely supplied those materials?—Yes.

5027. They were supplied on the Conservative side?—Yes.

5028. Did you have any bill on the other side?—Yes, a small one.

5029. How much was that?—About 3*l.*

5030. Besides that bill of 39*l.* 9*s.* 1½*d.* I see there are two other bills, one of 6*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.*, and another of 4*l.* 15*s.* 11½*d.*, which do not appear to have been paid?—They are all paid; they were made out on another bill, a separate bill.

5031. Did you send in all your bills at the same time?—I could not say that.

5032. This one is dated May 18th, and that seems to

have been paid on July 3rd. Just look at it and tell me whether that is not so (*handing the same*)?—Yes, that was paid on July 3rd.

5033. When were the other bills sent in?—I do not know when they were sent in. I thought they were all paid at one time.

5034. I see they are dated May 18th, Captain Hesketh, from the Conservative committee. By whom were those things ordered?—By Captain Hesketh.

5035. Captain Hesketh ordered the things in that bill?—Yes.

5036. That amounts to 4*l.* 15*s.* 11½*d.* Then there is another bill "Conservative committee" is is headed, "to R. Kelly Esq." Who ordered those materials?—Mr. Kelly.

5037. Who is Mr. Kelly?—A private gentleman.

5038. A private gentleman here?—Yes, at Walmer.

5039. Did you send in all these bills to Mr. Hughes? I sent them to Mr. Usher.

5040. And you think they were all paid at once?—Yes.

5041. Were these things supplied at your ordinary prices?—Yes.

5042. Were these all the orders you received from either side?—Yes.

5043. You received no other money whatever?—No.

5044. Do you remember the 1874 election?—I remember it.

5045. Were you in business then?—Yes.

5046. Did you then have any order?—No, I was not a draper then.

5047. What were you?—I was a grocer and provision dealer.

5048. There was not quite so much opportunity, but as a matter of fact you did not have an order then?—No.

5049. I suppose you agree with what one of the witnesses said just now, that at this last election pretty well every tradesman in Deal had an order of some kind or another?—Yes, I should think they had.

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5050. (*Mr. Holl.*) I think you received some money from Mr. Rose, did you not?—Yes.

5051. How much?—27*l.* 15*s.*

5052. Had you any instructions or directions from him what to do with it?—Yes.

5053. What was it?—I have the list of names he gave me in my pocket.

5054. You were to give it to certain people?—I gave it to certain people with the intention of keeping them on shore displaying flags on their boats, and likewise for voting.

5055. Had you any instructions or directions from him with regard to arranging with these people before you paid them. Did you tell him that you had arranged with any of the parties for them to remain on shore to vote?—Certainly, to keep them on shore.

5056. Have you got the list?—Yes (*handing same*).

5057. Did you arrange with these people, that you would give them 3*l.* apiece?—For their detention on shore instead of going to their habitual work.

5058. On condition that they would remain on shore and vote for your side?—Just so.

5059. Did you arrange to give them 3*l.* apiece?—Yes.

5060. You did that with Mr. Rose's knowledge?—Yes.

5061. It was before the election that you made the arrangement?—Yes, I told them to keep together, and I would pay them for their trouble after the election was over.

5062. After the election you received from Mr. Rose this 27*l.* 15*s.*?—Just so.

5063. To pay these people?—To pay these people.

5064. Did you pay them?—Yes.

5065. These are the names of the different people to whom you paid the money, I see there are nine altogether?—There is my own name at the bottom.

5066. You paid eight men 3*l.* a-piece, and you kept 3*l.* 15*s.* for yourself?—For my personal expenses, what it cost me.

5067. I will not ask you how you voted, but you did vote?—I did vote.

5068. (*Mr. Turner.*) And they voted?—I believe so.

5069. (*Mr. Holl.*) After the election was over, when you paid them this 3*l.* did they ask you for it?—They asked me eight or ten days after I think.

5070. Did they tell you they had voted for you?—Just so.

5071. I see here is John Cushney. You have given his address as York Street, Walmer Road. You have put the address in each case?—To each one.

5072. They are all boatmen I suppose?—All boatmen but one.

5073. What is he?—You will find his name at the bottom, Mr. Ambrook. You will see what that is for.

5074. All the others are boatmen?—All the others are boatmen.

5075. Besides this 27*l.* 15*s.* which you received, did you receive any other money at all in connexion with the election?—Not that I am aware of.

5076. Either to distribute or for doing anything?—No, only a part of that which you see mentioned about a lugger that was to come home.

5077. (*Mr. Turner.*) Were you in that?—No, I was not in it.

5078. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you arrange for 25*l.* to be paid to the men going up and down in the lugger?—It was arranged by Mr. Edwards.

5079. What was the arrangement which was made?—It was arranged to bring the people home, and to pay them according to what they would earn.

5080. I am not now speaking of the "Petrel," there were some boatmen to whom 25*l.* was paid, I will take the "Petrel" first. Did you arrange with the crew of the "Petrel" about coming here, or communicate with them?—I came to Mr. Edwards to get advice, and then Mr. Rose, as he told you, telegraphed for the people to come home. That is all I know.

5081. What instructions did Mr. Edwards give you?—For the people to come here to work their way as far as they could.

5082. Did he tell you how they were to be paid if they came home?—Yes, they had to be paid the same as

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if they had got ships that they were looking after, just the same as if they had stopped at their duty instead of coming.

5083. Did Mr. Edwards himself tell you this?—No, he asked me and I explained it to him that they could not come off their duty to come here, and he asked me what would be equal to their earnings at such a time. I said, they follow the same occupation as myself, they get ships to the amount of so much money to pilot up the channel, and if the people had the same I daresay they would come home and vote.

5084. What did he say?—He said, "Yes, send for them to come home."

5085. Did he tell you what you were to pay them?—Yes, he asked me what this ship would come to. 25*l*. I said.

5086. Did he authorise you to arrange to pay them that sum if they would come home and vote?—Just so.

5087. Then you say Mr. Rose telegraphed for them to come home?—Yes.

5088. What are the names of the crew?—Henry David Axon.

5089. He is a boatman of course?—Yes.

5090. Where does he live, at Walmer?—No, he is in Deal parish. William Axon.

5091. Does he live at Deal?—He lives at Deal, but they could not all come, and he stayed at the boat. He never came home; he had to stay by the boat.

5092. Who are the other three who came?—William Beecham.

5093. Where does he live?—Walmer Road.

5094. Do you know his exact address?—York Street, Walmer Road, I believe.

5095. Who are the other two men?—George Coleman.

5096. Where does he live?—He lives in the front, Strand Place, or whatever it is called.

5097. Who is the other?—There are no more.

5098. Only three came, and one stopped with the boat?—But there are two more men who will share with that portion that came from the boat; one a non-voter and one that was away in the ship.

5099. What was the name of the voter away in the ship?—George Pearson; he did not vote at all.

5100. He did not vote?—He did not vote, but he shares the money.

5101. He was minding the ship while the crew came away?—Yes; he is earning money for that, therefore they get the money as if they brought a ship up the Channel. That 25*l*. is made into eight parts, two for the lugger, and six for the ship.

5102. Does the owner of the lugger get two?—The lugger belongs to a great many; they are in shares.

5103. The owners of the lugger get two shares?—The owners of the lugger get two shares, but some of them that is in the boat belong to her.

5104. They are part owners?—Yes, they are in shares.

5105. Those three men you have mentioned, Henry David Axon, George Coleman, and William Beecham, came home and voted?—Yes.

5106. 25*l*. was paid to them for coming home?—Yes.

5107. How was the rest of the money made up; for expenses in coming?—Expenses to and from Portsmouth.

5108. I think altogether it was 29*l*. odd?—29*l*. 2*s*., I think, as far as I recollect.

5109. Did you have another sum of 25*l*. to pay a boat's crew who rowed up and down the front?—No.

5110. Had you anything to do with that?—Not a bit.

5111. You had nothing to do with that?—No.

5112. Did you have any other money at all besides the sums you have mentioned, the 27*l*. 15*s*. to distribute among the names you have mentioned, and the 29*l*. 2*s*. to pay the crew of the "Petrel"?—There was a little sum that Mr. Rose gave an account for, that I gave out to little boys for carrying boards; it is the same money over again. The boys I paid myself. They came to me, he reckoned them up, and I divided it to them.

5113. How much did you receive to pay the boys?—I think there were two or three different lots; I could not hardly tell.

5114. How many altogether?—He paid some, and I paid some. I think I paid one lot myself, and Mr. Rose paid the other. One item was 5*l*. 4*s*. I think that is what I paid, and Mr. Rose paid the other. That is one item.

5115. Putting all the items together, how much did you receive to distribute among the boys?—No more.

5116. Only 5*l*. 4*s*.?—5*l*. 4*s*.

5117. Did you pay the boys who were hired to carry boards about?—These are the boys.

5118. You paid them?—Yes, one lot.

5119. How many were there that you paid; about?—30 or 40 at a time.

5120. 30 or 40 boys you paid for carrying boards about?—Yes.

5121. Were they sons of voters?—Principally.

5122. How much did you pay them each a day?—I think the biggest had 2*s*.; some 1*s*. 6*d*.; the biggest of them up as high as 2*s*. 6*d*.

5123. Some 1*s*. 6*d*., some 2*s*., and some 2*s*. 6*d*., according to their size?—Yes.

5124. What were their ages; the youngest and the eldest?—Some were 11 and 12, some up as high as 18.

5125. Did you receive any money at all besides these sums you have mentioned in connexion with the election?—No.

5126. Are you sure. I see here is a payment of 2*l*. to Mrs. Pearson for four dozen bows; is that your wife?—No; I know nothing of it. That is not in connexion with me.

5127. You do not think you received any other money at all?—No.

5128. In any way?—No.

5129. Did you pay any other moneys away beyond what you have mentioned to us?—Not that I can recollect now. If there were it might have been perhaps 5*s*. or 10*s*. in some way, but I forget which now.

5130. There is nothing that you remember?—No.

5131. At any rate no large sum?—No large sum that I know of.

5132. You are a voter, of course?—Yes.

5133. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Of course it was understood that those men who came would vote for you when they did come?—They were all true Liberals, and they were so tempted by the other side that they said they thought they ought to have a trifle. I wanted to induce them to use their boats to display their flags on. Some were going to sea that night. Then I said, If you like to display the flags on the boats, when the time comes I know what you are. They said, "Yes, we are faithful old Liberals, and we shall be so, but you ought to pay our expenses in staying on shore." They were there eight days displaying their colours and not going to sea, and I think they all voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid. I must say that I think they did.

J. A. Foster.

JOHN ASHLEY FOSTER re-called, and further examined.

(*The Witness.*) You asked me for an account this morning, which I did not send in, 21*l*. 2*s*. 10*d*. I find it is Mr. Hughes' account. I did not send it in because I concluded that it was a private account, that is the account. I also produce the bills that you require, and the accounts; that is the one corresponding to 11*l*. 2*s*. 8*d*., and that is the 16*l*. 19*s*. (*handing the accounts in.*)

5134. (*Mr. Jeune.*) The bill for 8*l*. 10*s*. I see is for stabling for Mr. Crompton Roberts' horses?—I told you that amount was divisible by three, and those are the three accounts.

5135. 6*l*. 17*s*., that again is for stabling for six horses?—Yes.

5136. And also 1*l*. 12*s*.?—Yes.

5137. You have a bill for 27*l*. 19*s*. 11*d*.?—It is in my books; there are a few discrepancies in these bills of a few shillings; the bill is the proper charge made; there is a difference of 3*s*. There is also an account of 34*l*. 16*s*. 4*d*., instead of 33*l*. 6*s*. 10*d*. We were very busy at the time, and bills were being made out. The correct statement is the bill sent in, but you will see the amounts put in my book corresponding. The correct charge is the bill and not the book; we were very busy at the time and one has to make out an account quickly. I thought I had better explain those matters to you, because they will agree with the amount sent in; I had really more than I could do, and I did not add up the book until afterwards.

5138. I see that there are generally about three or

four beds. May I take it that these were things supplied to Mr. Crompton Roberts, or his family, and some friends?—Yes; Captain Roberts was considered as one of the family, and Colonel Bravo. That includes the account of Miss Gordon, a friend of theirs also, and Mrs. Roberts—all private accounts.

5139. You say Captain Roberts and Colonel Bravo were staying with him, was there any other friend of Mr. Crompton Roberts staying with him?—I do not think so; occasionally that account would include some slight refreshments supplied to Lord George Hamilton and others who addressed the meeting, after the meeting was over.

5140. I did not mean that, but supplied to Mr. Crompton Roberts or his family?—Possibly Mr. Shaw may have stayed one night, but I am not quite certain.

5141. Who is Mr. Shaw?—A friend of the family.

5142. (*Mr. Holl.*) What sort of a looking man was Mr. Shaw?—A fair gentleman.

LEWIS WORRELS SWORN AND EXAMINED.

L. Worrels.

5150. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a publican.

5151. What is the name of your house?—The "Sir Colin Campbell," Walmer Road.

5152. During this election did you receive any money from anybody?—Yes.

5153. Who from?—Mr. Olds.

5154. How much?—41*l.*

5155. When did you receive that?—I received it in three instalments; first I received 5*l.* for the hiring of the house, then I received 30*l.*, and I received after that 6*l.* to pay canvassers.

5156. 5*l.* for your windows, 6*l.* for canvassing, and the remainder would be 30*l.*, what was that for?—To expend in the best manner I could to secure votes, I suppose.

5157. Did Mr. Olds say anything to you?—He told me to make the best use I could of it on behalf of Mr. Crompton Roberts.

5158. What did you do with it?—Paid 10 men 3*l.* a-piece.

5159. Had you made any arrangement with them beforehand that they would be paid?—No, I was not aware they would be paid anything. I did after I got the money.

5160. I mean before you paid the men what passed between you and them?—I told them I could pay them if they voted.

5161. They were all voters?—Yes, I think so, nearly every one. I might say I know they are.

5162. Did they agree to take it?—Yes.

5163. And promised to vote?—Yes.

5164. Did they vote?—I believe they did. I saw the majority of them coming down to the polling booth and go in.

5165. And after the election did you pay them?—I paid them before the election.

5166. Before they voted?—Before they voted.

5167. Have you got a list of them?—Yes (*handing same*).

5168. I see you did not take anything for yourself?—No, I was promised, but I never had it.

5169. (*Mr. Holl.*) You had only 6*l.* as canvasser?—That is all.

5170. (*Mr. Turner.*) Have you received or paid any other money in connexion with the election?—No, not one farthing.

5171. That was all that passed, you say, between you and Mr. Olds; he told you to use the 25*l.* for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—I was to use my influence and get all I could to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

CHARLES EVANS SWORN AND EXAMINED.

C. Evans.

5190. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—17, Farrier Street.

5191. What is your business?—I am not in business.

5192. Are you retired?—Yes.

5193. What have you been?—A publican.

5194. What public-house did you keep?—Here, the "Greyhound."

5195. You had a sum of money from Mr. Olds, I believe, had not you?—Yes.

5143. And what sort of looking man was Colonel Bravo?—He had black hair; a dark complexion.

5144. Was he tall or short?—Rather short and stout.

5145. (*Mr. Turner.*) How long did he stay?—From the 6th to the 18th, perhaps.

5146. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you see there a shortish man, not very stout, with dark hair and black whiskers?—I do not remember seeing a personage of that description.

5147. Did Colonel Bravo come once?—Colonel Bravo stayed sometime. That is the only gentleman answering to that description at all that I remember.

5148. You did not see anyone else answering to that description at all?—No.

5149. I see there is an account Mrs. Steadman, the housekeeper, put down 41*l.* 6*s.*, that probably would be some part of this which Mrs. Steadman paid you?—I should think it would be the 34*l.* and the 7*l.* Those you will find in my book, at pages 402 and 405, I should imagine.

5172. Did you hear at all from Mr. Olds where the money came from?—No; we went to his office one day. There was a great rush there. There were some 8 or 10 of us; it is generally customary at election times. There were a lot of Sandwich people there, and I do not think Mr. Olds knew what we had, or who had it.

5173. (*Mr. Holl.*) When did you get your money, and at what time?—I cannot tell you the time; it might have been four or five days before the election.

5174. Four or five days before the election?—I should think so, or two or three days. I could not tell.

5175. You got your money two or three days before the election?—Yes.

5176. Are you sure of that?—Yes; I should not pay my money out of my own pocket on nobody's behalf.

5177. How long before the election was it that you spoke to these men?—I should think it might be a day or two.

5178. Before the election?—Before the election.

5179. The election took place on the Tuesday?—Yes.

5180. Was it the previous week?—I think it must have been the previous week.

5181. I want you to consider, to see whether you are sure about that?—I could not say whether it was on the Saturday, or whether it was on the Monday. I think it must have been on the Monday the same week, or the Saturday. I know there were a great number of people came over from Sandwich by the train.

5182. What time in the day was it that you received the money?—About half past 10 or 11.

5183. Was it on the day of the election?—Yes.

5184. Are you sure of that?—No, because I was not down on the day of the election until after dinner. I was busy. I did not come into Deal.

5185. However, you are quite certain it was not on the day of the election?—No, it could not have been on the day of election.]

5186. And you are sure it was about half past 10?—It was about the time the first train came in from Sandwich, about half past 10 or 11.

5187. That you are certain of?—I am quite certain it was before dinner.

5188. And you are certain that it was not on the day of election?—No, it was not on the day of election.

5189. Do you remember whether it was Saturday or Monday, or what day it was?—I do not know what day. I know I did all I could, and that is where the money went. Those who I selected were my particular friends in a great respect, so I asked them, there is no secret about it, I gave them the first chance.

5196. How much?—In all?

5197. Yes?—87*l.*

5198. Did you receive that in more than one sum?—Yes.

5199. In how many?—Two.

5200. What were they?—One was 81*l.*, and the other was 6*l.*

5201. What was the 6*l.* for?—Canvassing.

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5202. When did you receive the 81*l.*?—Just before the election.

5203. The day before the election?—The night; late at night.

5204. What were you to do with it?—Give it away.

5205. Give it away to voters?—Yes.

5206. Did you give it away?—I caused it to be given away.

5207. How many people did you give it away to?—I distributed it to four.

5208. Have you got the list there of the people to whom you gave it?—Well, the names that I gave it to were Betts, Nicholas, Philpott, and Adams.

5209. What is Betts' Christian name?—John Betts, I think it is.

5210. Where does he live?—In Middle Street.

5211. Nicholas, what is his Christian name?—I think it is William.

5212. Where does he live?—In Beach Street.

5213. What is the next?—The man who was with him, of the name of Erridge. Betts had 15*l.*

5214. Nicholas, how much?—Nicholas, combined with Erridge, 30*l.*

5215. Erridge and Nicholas had it between them?—Yes.

5216. Can you give me Erridge's Christian name?—I think it is Robert Erridge; he was employed.

5217. And the address of Erridge?—I do not know his address; all the money would pass through Nicholas's hands to this Erridge.

5218. Will you give me the next name to whom this money was given?—Adams, 15*l.*

5219. What is his Christian name?—Thomas Adams, I think it is.

5220. Does he live in Farrier Street?—Yes.

5221. Philpott; what is his Christian name?—George.

5222. How much did Philpott have?—21*l.*

5223. That makes 81*l.*?—Yes.

5224. And that is it, is it?—Yes; I was to have had more than that.

5225. Was Mr. Olds to have given you more?—Yes; I canvassed a large district.—No. 2 district. I had the entire charge of it, and it numbered some 300 or 400. In going round, I found the usual cry was "Is anything to be had?" eventually I found out there was something to be had, and amongst them I made it, I think it was, 34 voters that I should give, or cause to be given, 3*l.* each to. I saw Mr. Olds, and I said, "I want 102*l.*;" he said, "Halloa! that is a stiff'un," or something like that; "Yes," I said, "I think it is very well though, considering." He counted the money out, and said, "Let's have a look at the list." He looked at the list (it was not this list), and said, "Oh! these names are on someone else's list; we must strike them off." Seven it was that he picked out, making my money come, that I had to give away, to 81*l.* That is how that is, and the names of the parties, as near as I can recollect, that I gave this money to, but I should not like to swear that it is their

names, if you would like to look at it (*handing the same*). Where it says N., it is what I think in my own mind was Nicholas, and where it is E., the name Erridge did that.

5226. You give them that money to distribute among those voters for their votes?—3*l.* each.

5227. You said just now you heard that money was going. Do you remember when you first heard that money was to be had?—I did not know that money was to be had until the day before the election; there was a rumour that it would be, and people said it had always been so, and some said that they had had it. If you went canvassing, trying to work them up, they said, "We can get our money from the Blues," and tell you all kinds of tales; but I was not positive at all of this money until I had it, because I had heard so much about it, and about the disappointment which there had been by electors, before I went there late at night and got it.

5228. Who told you Mr. Olds was the man to go to to get the money?—We talked about together. Mr. Olds was like head man; he used to be running about to the public-houses, and we drew our own conclusion; I drew my own conclusion; that he had it, and he had got it in fact.

5229. Was that all the money that you received in connection with the election?—No.

5230. What else did you receive?—I had a house that I used for a committee house, and I had to engage a clerk there, and a man occasionally to sweep up and do what was wanted. I sent in a bill for six days; I think the bill was, as near as I can recollect, 1*l.* 2*s.* or 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* That included a charge of 1*s.* for some paste which had been found. The man grumbled that we did not give him some more money. I think that bill would be in the accounts. I do not know whether it was 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* or 1*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* I know it was not much.

5231. And that was paid to you?—That was paid on the Saturday before the election I know.

5232. Did you receive anything else?—Only what I have mentioned, the 6*l.*

5233. What you have mentioned already. Besides the 6*l.* the 81*l.* and the 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, or whatever that sum was, did you receive anything else?—No.

5234. Did you pay away any sums in connexion with the election, except that 81*l.*, and whatever you may have paid away to the clerk?—I have paid money away besides that.

5235. What other monies have you paid?—Washing down bills of the place, the breaking of a window, and several little sums that I paid away, but that was paid out of my own pocket, for I found I could not get it.

5236. That was in connexion with washing the bills off your own house?—Off this place.

5237. You have not been repaid that?—No.

5238. Except what I have mentioned, the 81*l.*, the 6*l.*, and the 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, and the sums which you have mentioned for washing down bills, breakage of window, and anything of that sort, is there any other sum which you paid away?—No.

5239. Nothing else?—Nothing else.

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JOHN JAMES RALPH sworn and examined.

5240. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A shoicing smith.

5241. You took an active part in this last election, did you not?—Yes.

5242. On the Conservative side?—Yes. Mr. Crompton Roberts.

5243. Did you receive any money from anyone?—I received from Mr. Olds 6*l.* for canvassing, and 4*l.* afterwards?—70*l.* in all.

5244. What other money did you receive?—I received 120*l.*

5245. When did you receive that?—On the Monday; No, the election was on the Tuesday.

5246. About what time of the day did you receive it?—7 o'clock in the evening.

5247. Did you distribute it, canvassing the persons whose names are down in this list; how many of them are there?—42.

5248. Had you promised these people money for their votes?—Yes.

5249. When did you promise them?—When we were canvassing, a man of the name of Joseph Brown had been to the biggest part of them, and promised them all

the same, and, of course, they said they would vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts, if they got the same.

5250. When did you canvass them; about how many days before the election?—I began to canvass as soon as Mr. Crompton Roberts came down.

5251. And how soon did you begin to promise that you would give them money?—I said there would be something, but I did not say what it would be.

5252. You did not mention the amount?—No.

5253. But you told them there would be something?—Yes.

5254. How came you to tell them that there would be something?—I was sure there would be, there generally is at election times.

5255. Had anybody told you so?—No, but I told them there would be something most likely.

5256. Do you know Joe Brown's address?—Sandown Farm; I think that is the address.

5257. Had he been canvassing?—Yes, for the same parties that I was canvassing, the other side, the blues.

5258. He had been canvassing for the blues?—Yes.

5259. You told them when you canvassed that you

would give them something?—I told them there would most likely be something.

5260. Did you make them a promise that you would give them something upon simply your own supposition?—Yes, of course.

5261. Had you heard anything beyond that?—Nothing beyond that then; decidedly not.

5262. When did you first hear anything beyond that?—That was on the Saturday.

5263. You first heard something more definite on the Saturday, that there would be something going for them. Who did you hear that from?—The chat amongst the committee men.

5264. Can you remember anybody?—Not more one than another.

5265. You heard a talk amongst the committee that there would be something?—Yes.

5266. You cannot remember who said that at all?—No.

5267. Did Mr. Olds tell you?—No.

5268. You cannot remember any particular person?—No, because it was all spoken in the committee room.

5269. Then on the Monday you got something?—Then on the Monday I got the money.

5270. When you got this money did you go round to the different parties to pay them?—Yes, I paid some that night and some on the Tuesday morning.

5271. Did you pay them all before the election?—Before they voted, every one.

5272. You say you had 120*l.*?—Yes. I paid 6*l.* out of my own pocket. I have not received that yet.

5273. You paid 40 *3l.* each, and the other two you paid 2*l.* and one 1*l.*, that is 3*l.* out of your own pocket?—That I have not received.

5274. I see that the great majority of them are Labourers?—Yes, they are all labourers, pretty much.

5275. (*Mr. Turner.*) What class of labourers?—Some work in the brick-fields, and some are fish hawkers.

5276. (*Mr. Holl.*) Two are put down as blacksmiths. I suppose they are working men?—Yes, they work for me.

WALTER SOLOMON sworn and examined.

5290. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am doing nothing at present, though I see you have me mentioned as a farmer, which is quite right.

5291. Did you receive any money during this election?—Yes.

5292. How much?—In all 34*l.*

5293. From whom?—From Mr. Olds.

5294. What did he tell you you were to do with it?—He did not tell me. I told him I wanted to pay some voters with it, or rather I must first tell you that 10*l.* of that 34*l.* was for myself for canvassing. I did not have this 34*l.* all at once, you must understand. I had 10*l.* first, and 24*l.* afterwards—the day previous to the election.

5295. What did you tell him you wanted to do with it?—I wanted to pay eight voters 3*l.* each.

5296. Had you previously spoken to those voters?—Yes, I had spoken to them; I had canvassed them.

5297. What had they said?—They said there always was money at those times, that they could get money on the other side, and if they could get the same amount on our side, they would rather vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

5298. Therefore you asked Mr. Olds for the 24*l.* for that purpose?—That is it.

5299. Did the voters vote?—Yes, they did; I went with them. I looked out all about that. When I say they voted, of course you understand the ballot is secret. I did not go inside to see them vote.

5300. You know as a fact that they voted?—Yes.

5301. When did you pay them the 3*l.* apiece?—Previous to my going to the poll with them.

5302. Have you got a list of those men?—Yes (*handing same*); you will see there two names at the bottom of the list; that is ten instead of eight; but you will find the last two I paid 3*l.* each to out of my own pocket.

5303. Redsull and Betts?—Yes; those are the two, at the bottom.

5304. What are these numbers that you put in the margin?—You will find those on the parliamentary register.

5277. Then there are four blacksmiths I see?—Yes, one works for another master in the town.

5278. There is a wheelwright. I suppose he is a working man?—Yes.

5279. And two bricklayers?—Yes.

5280. Did you receive any other money besides that?—I received 1*l.* 10*s.* or 1*l.* 16*s.*, I don't know which it was, for a flagstaff. I paid some men at the North End opposite the "Norfolk Arms."

5281. Is that all?—That is all.

5282. Is that all the money you received or distributed?—Yes.

5283. Did you pay anybody else anything?—No.

5284. Did you hear that there was anything of that sort going on on the other side?—Yes, of course we did, and it was no use our canvassing unless we did the same. They always told us as Conservatives, which I have always been, that we never knew how to work on the election, but we had one, as they always had, who had the money, and we showed them what we could do. Mr. Knatchbull-Hugesson and Mr. Brassey at the last election got returned, while Hallett and Baily were there, with 300, but Hallett and Baily would not spend anything, we were not on the ground with them, but when we got a man with some money, like Mr. Knatchbull-Hugesson and Mr. Brassey had, we showed them what we could do.

5285. A few days before the election did you hear that there was money on the other side?—Yes.

5286. You heard that?—Yes.

5287. Do you remember whether you heard that on the Friday or Saturday before the election?—It was on the Monday night I heard that; I should say Monday in the early part of the day.

5288. How did you come to know Mr. Olds had got the money?—He paid us our canvassing money, and that like.

5289. It got about, I suppose?—Yes, it got about in the room, and I did not know until quite four o'clock in the afternoon that we were going to get it.

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5305. Redsull, Wilkins, Tate, Romney, Ashington, Betts, William, Betts, Robert, and then there is another Betts down here. Those two you paid out of your own pocket?—Yes; I must explain to you about my paying those last two. It was not by canvassing them to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts, because I had every reason to believe that they had done so.

5306. As a reward?—As a reward.

5307. You said nothing to them about it before?—Not to Betts; but Redsull I canvassed. He said, "How about money matters?" I paid those men now about a month since.

5308. Why did you do that? Did they ask you for it?—Since the petition I had meant to do so, but I certainly was not going to pay them until that was over.

5309. Did they ask you for it?—Yes, Betts did; but not Redsull.

5310. After he had voted?—Yes.

5311. When did he come to you?—He came to me on the very day that he did vote. Don't you see I had his father and brother on my list, which no doubt was the occasion of his coming to me.

5312. That list which you have given in, was given to you was it?—No, I made it out myself.

5313. Have you had any other money, or paid any other money?—Not a penny.

5314. That 24*l.* and 10*l.* is all you have had?—Just so.

5315. And all you have paid?—Except that money which I have paid out of my own pocket. I must explain to you that I was a volunteer really, but of course as every servant is worthy of his hire, I suppose I had 10*l.* as well as other people; caring very little whether I had it or not. I am on my oath. I paid these two men out of my own pocket, which leaves me with 4*l.*, and I am very well satisfied.

5316. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You wished success to the cause?—Yes, I should think so.

5317. Are these the numbers on the parliamentary register?—Yes; that was for my own convenience. I did not expect to have to give it out.

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JOHN JAMES RALPH re-called, and further examined.

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5318. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you know where the person of the name of Elliott is?—No; he went away and he has not been heard of since. It was thought that he had gone to America.

5319. You do not know where he is?—No. We liked him very well.

5320. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Elliott was a man who lived here?—Yes; he had a greengrocery business, and he was a market gardener besides.

5321. He has disappeared. Has he left a wife here?—Yes; his wife and five or six children.

[Adjourned to Monday, at 10 o'clock.]

SIXTH DAY.

Monday, 11th October 1880.

CHARLES DENNE recalled, and further examined.

5322. (*Mr. Jeune.*) For how many days were your rooms taken?—No particular time, but they were occupied, I think, 11 days.

5323. How many rooms were taken?—Four rooms at first; but I find for three days there were five rooms.

5324. What sort of rooms were they; sitting rooms?—There were four sitting rooms, and we took one bedroom to pieces, and made a sitting room of it.

5325. So that there were five sitting rooms altogether?—Yes.

5326. Were they all upon the first floor, or ground floor?—Three of them upon the ground floor, and two upon the first floor.

5327. Were they rooms which in ordinary times are used as sitting rooms?—Yes.

5328. What is the rent of your house?—I am rated at 36l.

5329. That makes, I suppose, about 40l. or 45l. rental?—Yes, that would be about it.

5330. You charged for those rooms 84l., did not you? 64l. I think.

5331. No, 84l.; look at your bill (*handing a paper to the witness*) "Hire of rooms, offices, &c., 84l.," is not that so?—Yes.

5332. What that 84l. charged for the use of those five rooms?—Yes. I thought it was 64l.

5333. Now you find it is 84l.?—Yes.

5334. That is, as nearly as possible, 10 guineas a day?—No, I put it down at 5 guineas, as I thought.

5335. You meant to charge only 5 guineas a day?—Yes.

5336. How came you to make that little mistake in your own favour—how came you to charge twice as much as you intended?—It is not twice as much.

5337. It is getting on that way, you see—look at your own book and see what you have put down there (*handing a book*), read out what you find there?—"14 days hire of rooms 84l."

5338. Was that put down in mistake also?—It must have been so.

5339. The mistake seems to have run pretty well through your books and bills—you have not been paid yet, have you?—No.

5340. If you were paid half as much as that it would be all you think you deserve?—I do not know about that.

5341. What is the ordinary charge for those rooms; if any person were to hire them from you, in the ordinary way as sitting rooms, what should you charge for them?—That depends upon the season—the time of year.

5342. Is May the season for Deal?—July and August.

5343. May was not the season then?—No.

5344. Supposing anyone took those sitting rooms in May, what would be your ordinary charge for them a day?—Some of the rooms are larger than the others; some would be 6l. a week, others 4l., and others 3l. 10s.

5345. For each room?—Yes, with a bed.

5346. Surely, would you get, in May, 6l. a room for a week?—No.

5347. You did not get it?—No, except in the height of the season.

5348. Look at your book and see if you can find a single case where you have charged more than 5s. a day for a sitting room, except at election times?—We do always charge more at election times.

5349. That is exactly what I thought?—The wear and tear is something considerable, and destruction of furniture.

5350. Can you find me a single case where you have charged more than 5s. a day for the use of a sitting room?—I do not think I can.

5351. You are charging 2l. a day for the use of each of those rooms, as nearly as may be—did you agree with anyone that you should charge as much as that?—No, I made no agreement.

5352. Who ordered those five sitting rooms?—They took possession, the committee walked in and took possession. I had not an agreement with any person.

5353. You were not very averse to their walking in and taking possession?—No, certainly not.

5354. You were rather glad to see them come—did anybody tell you they were coming to arrange for them?—No.

5355. No one at all?—No one to my recollection.

5356. Your view is, that they simply walked in and took possession?—Yes.

5357. And you have charged them 10l. a day for it?—Yes.

5358. I see you have charged upon the 8th May 1l. 3s. 8d. for refreshments?—Yes, I think it is so.

5359. And every day for the next three or four days you charge sums varying from 1l., 2l. up to 3l. or 4l.?—Yes.

5360. To whom were those refreshments supplied?—I could not say who to.

5361. Did anybody who wanted refreshments come and have them?—Not anybody.

5362. Anybody connected with the cause?—Not everybody, it was mostly the messengers, and those men that were putting up the flag poles.

5363. They came in and were refreshed?—Yes.

5364. And the clerks?—Yes.

5365. And the messengers—anybody connected with the Liberal party?—No, not anybody.

5366. Did not people walk in and take possession of refreshments like they took possession of the rooms?—Pretty well they did—they quite took possession the night after the election, and the following day.

5367. They took possession of the refreshments. I hope the refreshments did not take possession of them; did any of them have too much?—No, Not that I am aware of.

5368. I see here "two bottles of lemonade and brandy, "one bottle of lemonade, one bottle of lemonade and "brandy, three bottles of lemonade and whisky, two "bottles of lemonade and brandy," and so on—that is all upon the 8th May. Who had this great mass of lemonade?—I could not say.

5369. Here are gallons of lemonade—is lemonade a very favourite drink in your house?—Yes, at times it is.

5370. Cannot you remember who had all this lemonade—pretty well anybody had it that came in, had not they?—They did, the latter part of the time.

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5371. I see in your book upon May the 8th and following days there is no charge to anybody else except the committee and Sir Julian Goldsmid; that is so, is it not?—I think so.

5372. So everything that was consumed in your house during those days was put down to Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Perhaps when he was staying at the house.

5373. He did not drink all this lemonade?—No, certainly not; but he had some friends with him.

5374. Everything that is put down in your book from the 8th to the 18th is all put down to Sir Julian Goldsmid; there is no charge to anybody else except to Sir Julian Goldsmid; look at your book and see whether it is not so?—I believe that is correct; he was staying at the house at the time.

5375. I want you to look at the book and see whether it is not the fact that there is no charge to anybody else at all except to Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes, it is so.

5376. Everything that was consumed in your house during those 10 days, from the 8th to the 18th, you put down to Sir Julian Goldsmid?—As they had the whole of the house there would be no room for anybody else.

5377. There were refreshments, I suppose, to somebody else; it is the fact, is it not, that every drop of drink you supplied to anybody during these 10 days was put down to Sir Julian Goldsmid?—No, a good deal was paid for at the counter.

5378. Except that which was paid for at the time, every drop of drink supplied in your house was scored up to Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes, I think so.

5379. Just look and see whether it is not the fact that during those 10 days every drop of drink that was scored up to anybody was scored up to Sir Julian Goldsmid?—It is called the committee.

5380. Yes, I know that is so. I call it Sir Julian Goldsmid, and that is the same thing, is it not?—Yes, it is.

5381. It is as I say; everything supplied in your house that was scored up was scored up to Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes, you are quite right.

5382. I see that the bill is 164*l.* altogether, of which 84*l.* is for rooms; so that 80*l.* is left for refreshments, which is as nearly as possible 10*l.* a day on the average for refreshments. How many people do you think you refreshed a day?—It would be quite impossible to count them at the time of an election.

5383. They were so numerous?—Yes.

5384. There were a great many of them?—Yes.

5385. Scores may I say?—Hundreds.

5386. You refreshed hundreds during those days, I should think it is very likely. Let me ask you about the day of the election, the 18th. "Luncheons and sandwiches, 8*l.*" There was something else besides sandwiches, I suppose, at luncheon?—I should think there was, most likely.

5387. I see that there is an &c., and the &c., I suppose, comprised a good deal else?—It would apply to anything—poultry or joints, or what not.

5388. It is 8*l.* Who consumed luncheons and sandwiches, &c., to the tune of 8*l.* upon that day?—I could not say.

5389. Hundreds of people?—That I do not know.

5390. There were a good many of them, were there not?—Yes, there were a great many.

5391. Then, coachmen and others, 11*l.*; what is that for?—The committee had their coaches from Dover, and I inquired what I was to do with them because I knew they would want refreshment, and they had breakfast and dinner, and some had tea.

5392. The coachmen had refreshments and there were others; who are the others?—Those were the carriages to convey voters to the poll.

5393. "Coachmen and others, 11*l.*" How much did the coachmen have?—I reckon it, as near as possible, 3*s.* or 3*s.* 6*d.* a day.

5394. So somebody else had 10*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* of refreshments; the division was not very equal?—There were 20 coachmen or more; there were 20 carriages.

5395. Twenty calculated at 3*s.* 6*d.* a piece?—Yes, and then there were others.

5396. The rest was consumed by the people they drove, or by whom?—That I cannot say.

5397. Again, I may take it, I suppose, that a great many people had a share in that?—That is so.

5398. Now, "Cash paid to servants, 6*l.*" What does that item mean?—It is for the extra servants I had

during the election, I suppose—an extra waiter, I suppose, and porter.

5399. Do you mean your own servants?—Yes, and others too. I was obliged to have extra help.

5400. You would not put down payments to your own servants in a bill. "Cash paid to servants, 6*l.*"; what does that mean, because I do not understand it?—I cannot answer that question.

5401. Were those sums paid to your own servants at the hotel?—Some of it.

5402. What servants of yours received part of that 6*l.*?—There would be three or four of them.

5403. Never mind the women—what men servants of yours received any part of that 6*l.*?—There were two.

5404. What are their names?—Langhorn and Norris.

5405. Are they voters?—Langhorn is.

5406. How much did he get?—I cannot say.

5407. Did he get 3*l.*?—I do not know that he is a voter. I do not think he has been housekeeper long enough.

5408. Are you sure that neither of them are voters?—I know Norris is not, he is in lodgings.

5409. Why did you give them this 6*l.*?—For extra work.

5410. Did you arrange with anybody that you were to pay them this 6*l.*?—I think I arranged with the men, but I am not quite certain.

5411. Did you arrange with these men that they were to have a sum of money each?—So much a day.

5412. And you charged that to Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes; you see they work by day and night.

5413. Did anybody order you to supply all these refreshments to the numerous persons you talked about?—No, I had no order.

5414. No order at all?—No, and I was very doubtful about them at first.

5415. Do you mean that you supplied this quantity of refreshments, 80*l.*, without any order at all?—Yes, I had no order from anybody for it—only from those who partook of it.

5416. Those who partook of it I suppose ordered it, but apart from that, who told you to supply this large quantity of refreshments?—I had no order at all only from the parties that partook of it.

5417. Do you really mean to tell us that?—While Sir Julian Goldsmid was staying in the house it was ordered by his party.

5418. That is not nearly all?—And also what was supplied upon the election day.

5419. By whom was that ordered?—The order came from Mr. Edwards.

5420. What order did Mr. Edwards give you, what did he tell you to supply?—He told me to supply any quantity of refreshments.

5421. Any quantity that was wanted?—Within reason. I did not see Mr. Edwards himself, the message was sent to me.

5422. Did the message say who were to be supplied within reason?—No; no further than that I sent up to ask him if I was to supply the men with refreshments whilst they were there and he sent down word yes.

5423. As a matter of fact did you supply refreshments upon the election day to anybody upon your side who came and asked for them?—I do not know about anybody—mostly we did after the election.

5424. What do you mean by after the election—after 4 o'clock?—From 3 to closing time.

5425. From 3 to closing time you supplied refreshments pretty well to anybody who came and asked you?—I was so situated that I was obliged to do so to keep down the mob—to quiet them.

5426. There was a mob was there round your house or in the house?—In the house, and round the house, too. I was regularly beset.

5427. You supplied these refreshments to quiet them?—We served that over the counter.

5428. You say after 3 o'clock upon the election day there was a mob of people in your house?—I do not say in the house, but round the house.

5429. You supplied refreshments then to anybody that wanted them and asked for them?—I had no orders to serve them. I made those pay from whom I could get the money. I had no orders to serve them. All the respectable portion of voters paid their money, but I certainly could not manage to get it from all.

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5430. Those persons who could not pay you supplied without their paying?—I did it to keep them quiet.

5431. You supplied refreshments to those who could not pay to keep them quiet?—Yes, so that I should not have a row with them.

5432. Did it keep them quiet?—I did not serve them with any quantity they might ask for.

5433. Was it a little lemonade that kept them quiet?—I do not know—we got through some dozens I know at that time.

5434. There were a great many people who could not pay, and to whom you had to supply refreshments to keep them quiet?—Yes.

5435. A great many?—Yes, that was so.

5436. Did you know them all by sight?—No; a good many came from the country, and a good many from Walmer.

5437. Would you know them by sight or not when you supplied them?—I would most of them by sight.

5438. If they could pay they paid, and if they could not pay you supplied them without their paying?—Just so.

5439. And you have charged it in your bill to the committee?—Not what was paid.

5440. But what was not paid?—Yes, just so.

5441. Did you keep a score at the time, or was this written up afterwards?—It was written at the time.

5442. Some of it is in rather large sums; for instance, 8*l.*, 11*l.*, 6*l.*; how came you to make out those sums; did you put it down at a guess or keep a score?—They were put down by my daughter, who stood at the desk and entered it.

5443. You made up the account here afterwards from that?—It was entered in the book at the time it was served.

5444. That cannot be quite, because the 8*l.*, for example, is in one lump sum for luncheons?—Some portion was stated and taken off afterwards.

5445. You kept a slate, and wrote up the book from the slate afterwards?—Yes.

5446. (*Mr Holl.*) Have you got no memorandum now of what you supplied?—Not any.

5447. You have no memorandum showing the items?—No.

5448. You have no memorandum of how the 8*l.* is made up?—No, I have nothing but the book to go by.

5449. With regard to these people whom you supplied with refreshments, had you any authority to supply them, or did you do it upon your own responsibility?—I had no authority.

5450. You did it yourself, without any authority from anyone?—I might have asked if it was right to do so, and I believe I did.

5451. Who did you ask?—I could not say, but I believe it was some member of the committee.

5452. You cannot tell me who it was you asked?—No.

5453. How many members of the committee were there that came to your house?—I do not know; I have no list of them.

5454. A great many were there?—Perhaps some gentleman here in court might tell you what the list was.

5455. You can tell about how many came to your house; would it be 100?—No, I should hardly think so; not so many as that.

5456. 50?—Yes, I dare say there were.

5457. There is one thing I should like to get a little more distinctly. You say you had some instructions from Mr. Edwards; you say he sent you a message?—Yes.

5458. Or was it that you sent him a message?—I sent him a message.

5459. Tell us exactly what was the message you sent to him?—His answer to me was "Yes."

5460. What was the question that you had asked him?—If I should provide for those men from Dover.

5461. As to nobody else?—No, I do not think that I did.

5462. Did you ask him if you should supply the persons generally who come to the house, or was it only the men from Dover?—I do not know that I did, I cannot recollect it.

5463. Whom did you send with the message?—Hancock brought me the answer.

5464. What is his Christian name?—I do not know.

5465. Is he in your service?—No, he is a fly proprietor.

5466. You do not know his Christian name?—No.

T. C. Baldwin.

THEOPHILUS COLLINS BALDWIN sworn and examined.

5467. (*Mr Turner.*) You are a draper in Deal?—Yes.

5468. We have two bills of yours, one for 7*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, which appears to be chiefly for rosettes and pins, and another for 35*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.*, for twill and those kind of things; who ordered you to supply them?—Mr. John Ramell ordered the stuff for the flags, and Mr. Edwin Cornwell the rosettes.

5469. When was the stuff for the rosettes ordered, amounting to 7*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, because there is no date to your bill?—I should say one portion was four days before the election.

5470. That would be about the 14th?—Yes, and the second portion on the day before the election.

5471. I see, with regard to the 35*l.* 10*s.*, the first entry is May 10th?—It is a mistake, it should have been the 11th, on the Tuesday. Mr. John Ramell came to my shop on Tuesday, May 11th, and told me he would be responsible for all stuff I supplied for flags to Mr. William Ramell, who had to make the flags. I simply supplied him with the stuff from Mr. John Ramell's orders.

5472. You have your books here?—Yes.

5473. Would they show the supply of all these things?—Yes, just as upon that bill.

5474. What were the prices; election prices?—No, just the same prices as I should charge now to any ordinary person.

5475. Is this the first time you have supplied such things at an election?—In 1874 I supplied rosettes to the extent of 1*l.*

5476. There were a great many more rosettes supplied at this election than in 1874?—From me there was, at any rate.

5477. Did you supply stuff for flags in 1874?—No stuff for flags in 1874 at all, with this exception, after the election I supplied some flags for a sort of demonstration of the Liberal victory, and it amounted to about 4*l.*

5478. All you realised at that election was 5*l.*; 1*l.* for rosettes, and 4*l.* for the Liberal demonstration. The

4*l.* was after the election, making 5*l.* for the election altogether?—Yes.

5479. Whereas here you have the benefit of 43*l.*?—Yes.

5480. Were you going about upon the day of the election?—Yes.

5481. Did you see a much greater display of flags and rosettes than in 1874?—Yes, very much more; in fact in Deal I never have seen such a display as there was at the last election.

5482. Had you anything more to do with the election; was any money given to you to distribute?—No, that is all I had to do with it, except of course taking a general interest in it.

5483. We have heard that there was nobody who took an interest in the last election, you did?—Yes, I had a political interest.

5484. We have been told that there was no political interest?—I should like to say this, that I served Mr. Chapman, the draper, with ribbons for the Conservative colours to the amount of about 8*l.* 18*s.*, which is not paid for.

5485. Have you been paid?—No.

5486. Have you applied for payment?—I have applied for payment to Mr. John Ramell, and I have applied to Mr. Chapman, and he has not paid, nor has the other party.

5487. Why has not Mr. Chapman paid you?—I do not know.

5488. Has he been paid himself?—When I asked him once he said he had not been fully paid, but whether he has been paid since, or not, I do not know.

5489. Do you say you supplied both sides?—I served Mr. Chapman simply privately. He came to my shop and he said he had an order from the Conservative committee, could I serve him with the Conservative ribbons, and of course I did so in the ordinary way of business.

5490. Which was first, the Conservative or the

Liberal order?—The Liberal order. Mr. Chapman came to me about Saturday previous to the election.

5491. The Liberal order was, roughly speaking, about 35*l.*?—No, the Liberal order altogether would be about 43*l.*, that is to say, 7*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* for rosettes, and stuff for flags, 35*l.* 10*s.*

5492. And the Conservative order was for 8*l.* 10*s.*?—The exact amount is 8*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

5493. The Conservative order did not effect your vote

at the election, I daresay?—No, not at all; if I had no order I should have voted the same.

5494. Did the Liberal order affect your vote?—No, not at all.

5495. (*Mr. Holl.*) The goods that you supplied to Mr. Chapman on the Conservative side were only a portion, I suppose, of what he supplied?—I do not know anything about what he supplied; he simply came to me in the ordinary course of business.

SIR JULIAN GOLDSMID sworn and examined.

5496. (*Mr. Holl.*) We have received a communication from you expressing your desire to be examined before the Commission. We shall have some questions to ask you, but if you desire to make a statement in the first instance we are quite prepared to receive it.

(*The Witness.*) Yes. I desire to make a statement, and before I read the statement I desire to say it was prepared many weeks ago, and that I had shown it to many friends long before I had read a word of the evidence. This statement being so prepared, I thought it was desirable to bring it here as it was, and, if I was allowed to do so, to read it to the Commission, and then to add a few observations which I should like to make in consequence of the evidence that I have read in the newspapers, which, of course, may be exceedingly inaccurate, and, as far as I am able, I shall be prepared to answer any questions which the Commissioners may desire to put to me. Perhaps I shall refer to one or two matters which apparently will have nothing whatever to do with the election at Deal, but I can assure the Commissioners that I do not wish to waste their time, or to state anything which is not material. I would ask the permission of the Commissioners to read the statement as I prepared it. I went abroad immediately after the election at Rochester, where I was defeated, as is well known, and I returned to England late in April, and immediately let it be known that I was a candidate for the University of London seat, to be vacated by Mr. Lowe. Sir J. Lubbock was also a candidate, and as he is a friend of mine, we were both anxious to find some arrangement by which we might both return to Parliament. When I heard that Mr. Hugessen was likely to be made a peer, I thought Sandwich would be a certain seat for a Liberal, as he and Mr. Brassey had been unopposed at the general election. I happened to meet Mr. Hugessen at Brooks', and asked him. He replied that he was not in a position to say anything about the candidate or the probable vacancy, but told me that if I wanted information I had better write to Mr. Emmerson. I should like to add a word that is not in this statement, to this effect, that Mr. Emmerson was a man whom he told me I might place the most implicit reliance in. I did so, asking him whether I should be an acceptable candidate, in the event of a vacancy, and received a polite reply. I may say here that I am afraid that I get from 200 to 300 or 400 letters a week in this casual form, and I do not keep and have no copies, though I should be very glad if I were able to put them in; however, I have not copies, and they are really not material. Meanwhile, the London University business went on, and it was decided by the graduates, presided over by Mr. Stansfeld, to have a preliminary Liberal ballot. This course had first been settled on when I received a note from Mr. Emmerson, asking if I was willing to stand. I replied that I could not decide till after the ballot was concluded on the 13th May. On the 9th I had a note from Mr. Emmerson, to say that he would call on me that morning, which he did. He urged me to go down at once and stand, as Mr. Roberts had been there more than a week, and was making a great stir. I was very reluctant to give up what little chance I had for the London University, but at last I agreed to drive off to Mr. Stansfeld and consult him. I may say that Mr. Stansfeld had been chairman of the committee of the graduates. Unfortunately, he was out, and then, thinking after all a seat was a seat, I agreed to go, and did an hour afterwards, all in a hurry. I understand Mr. Emmerson at once telegraphed I was coming. I have no personal knowledge of that circumstance, but I understand it was so, and forthwith, I believe, the Liberal Association and other party managers did what they had always been accustomed to do, viz., engaged public-houses, committee rooms, clerks, canvassers, messengers, &c.; ordered flag staffs, flags, colours, rosettes, &c., &c., of course on my behalf, and without my knowledge, and ample to invalidate any election. I arrived about 7 in the evening on the 10th, at the "Royal Hotel," where I found bills stuck up, "Sir Julian

"Goldsmid's Central Committee Rooms." I was introduced to Mr. Edwards as agent, and a lot of members of the Liberal Association, and others whose names I do not remember. I made them a short speech, and an hour or two after went to a meeting and made another. There was one thing I did not like occurred that evening, I was told, "So glad you have come, Sir, we were afraid we should not have a contest." Next morning, Tuesday, before commencing my canvass, I had an interview with Mr. Edwards, who immediately asked me for money, and said cash payments were the rule of Deal. He asked me for more, but I only gave him a cheque for 200*l.*; if the Commissioners wish the reason, I can give it, but I do not wish to give all personal reasons without their express desire. That cheque was upon the London and Westminster Bank, where I kept my ordinary account, and I will produce the cheques and everything afterwards. He asked for more, but I only gave him a cheque for 200*l.*, and said I trusted nothing would be done to endanger the seat, which I then made certain of obtaining, though I did not object to any reasonable expenditure. He said elections were always costly at Deal, but he was responsible for the expenditure, and though the Conservatives did not petition, should take care not to endanger the seat. On the following morning, Wednesday, he said the 200*l.* were spent, and he wanted more, having also spent money of his own. I gave him another cheque for 320*l.* That cheque was upon the Bank of England, Western branch. I do not want to break off here to explain what happened with reference to the cheques, because it will interrupt what I desire to state to the Commissioners, but I have put here in brackets (Bank of England), in order that I may explain it to the Commissioners afterwards. In the afternoon Mr. Edwards said he should require more money on Saturday; he would have to pay up for the week and provide for the election, Monday being a bank holiday. I told him I did not like giving large sums before an election, I thought payments should be made after. He said not at Deal, nearly everything was paid down at once. I complained of the general extravagant expenditure on flags, poles, &c., illegality, and want of control which I had seen when canvassing. He said it was true, but could not be altered then. I said I thought of retiring. He urged me not, pointing out it would put the party in a most awkward position. That I saw, but I should have done so, nevertheless, if I had not thought I should be blamed by the Liberal party in London for giving up the seat without a fight. There can be no doubt that I should, as a member pretty well known of the Liberal party, have been blamed for giving up the seat, which hitherto had been a Liberal seat without fighting. I told him I would think it over and decide, and let him know next morning. I went to meet Lady Goldsmid, who arrived that evening, and we went to a house I had taken for a week, namely, Kent House. An intimate friend of mine, Mr. Francis Flint Belsey (who, I believe, is almost as well known in Sandwich and Deal as he is at Rochester and most other parts of Kent) also arrived from Rochester to speak at a meeting that night, and next morning, before he left to return home, I told him about the election expenditure, and that I thought I had better after all provide Mr. Edwards with sufficient money to cover the election. He thought so too, as I had decided to go on. As I had no more cheques (I will go into that matter bye and bye, when I come to the cheque question), I wrote for some to my secretary, but I did not know when I should receive them, and I asked him to request Messrs. Foord, of Rochester, mutual friends, who for many years have seen to all my subscriptions, registrations, and other expenses at Rochester for me, to send Mr. Edwards next day, if possible, or at latest on Saturday, 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.*, which I calculated, with the 520*l.* I had already given, ought to be ample. Mr. Belsey said he would, and thereupon I went to Mr. Edwards, told him of the arrangement I had made, and said that was to suffice. Friday morning I received a note from Mr. Belsey, to say that Messrs. Foord would send, in

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accordance with my request, 1,500*l.* to Mr. Edwards on Saturday to Sandwich, mentioning the train, and I told Mr. Edwards, who on Saturday informed me that he had received it, giving me, I believe, Mr. Foord's card and his compliments.

5497. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you say that Mr. Edwards gave you Foord's card?—Yes, I told Mr. Edwards the train by which Mr. Foord was to come and bring the money for the election, and not having a cheque at the time, and I told him that Messrs. Foord had done everything of this kind for me ever since I had been a member for Rochester. Mr. Edwards was informed of the train by which this gentleman was to come. I gave him his name. He was to come to Sandwich, and on the Saturday, Mr. Edwards, in consequence of the information which I gave him, went over to Sandwich to meet this gentleman. I have been told that he met him on the platform, and walked with him to Mr. Emmerson's, or drove with him in broad daylight. It was on Friday morning that I told Mr. Edwards of it, and on Friday afternoon I had a message from Mr. Emmerson to say that he had to pay the returning officer the usual deposit. My cheques had then arrived, in consequence of the letter I had written to my secretary, and I sent him on a cheque for 210*l.* My total payments, therefore, at Deal and Sandwich were 2,230*l.*, and since then I have not paid anything at all, though of course I have paid Mr. Lewis, but that has nothing to do with the matter. After another day's canvassing I began to see how matters stood, and that even the Liberals did not wish me to be elected, but only to make a contest; and on Friday morning, when I told Mr. Edwards that he would have the money the next day, I remonstrated again, as I had done before, about the illegal expenditure, and gross outlay in a variety of ways; for instance, an enormous flag staff was put up the day before (Thursday) in front of our house, with some twenty flags, and no end of men to watch it. Mr. Edwards told me it cost 25*l.* I begged him to stop any more. He said he would give instructions, but these things went on worse than ever up to the end. I do not know whether it was because he did not wish to do what I asked, or whether it was because he was unable to control the people. Let me again remind the Commissioners that I am reading this word for word as I prepared it some weeks ago. I also spoke about being asked as I had been for money, and he said he was as much disgusted as I was with the application for employment and money. I begged him to be careful. I returned to Kent House, and went off canvassing, many friends helping. Mr. W. H. James, M.P., Captain Sanctuary, Mr. F. Mellor, Mr. Cunyng-hame, the Reverend J. MacAllister, Mr. Otway, M.P., Mr. H. Brassey came to help by canvassing or speaking, and many others wrote to offer assistance. I can give any information required about the canvassing. I told Lady Goldsmid that day how disgusted I was with the place, and want of order and legality, and extravagance, and that I was only consoled by the fact that I was convinced I should be thoroughly beaten. She said I showed it openly, and thereby discouraged my supporters. I had arrived at a conclusion about the result of the election from what I saw canvassing, and I can give, as I have said, any information required about the canvassing. People avoided seeing me, or would give doubtful answers, or ask me directly whether I would make it worth their while, or whether I would get employment for some son, or brother, &c. Others would promise me, and subsequently get an order of some sort from the other side, and unhesitatingly go over. Thus, a large grocer at Walmer, named Loyns, who had always supported Mr. Brassey, told me at once, when I asked him, that he would vote for me. A man named Triggs was with me at the time; as I left the shop, he said, "If you come to Walmer I hope you will not forget the house of Loyns," and I replied, "That is a kind of promise I never make." That day his children wore blue bows, and a day or two afterwards he had an enormous Conservative flag out of his windows, and red bills stuck up. I may say that this man was a very good fellow for all I know. When he was reproached by Trigg, he said Mrs. Roberts had ordered 20*l.* worth of goods. Another tradesman, named Frost, informed me that Mr. Hughes, or Mr. Roberts, had ordered 50*l.* worth of fireworks, would I do the same? I have not got it down here in my statement, but I may say that I was in the middle of dressing in the morning, when I was called by the waiter to answer the question, and you may imagine what my answer was. Lady Goldsmid was also asked frequently for money. Many votes were obtained by the Conservatives by orders, promises that Mr. Roberts would live in all three places, and by promises

to support the harbour scheme, &c. &c., and all sorts of others things. Seeing how matters stood, I made quietly, preparations for a petition. I had papers relating to the proposed Conservative regatta, the dinners, the pier opening, collected, and took them with me to town, immediately after the election, and handed them to Mr. Lewis. I had also lists of the public-houses engaged on both sides prepared, which I also gave Mr. Lewis, and I found we had between 30 and 40, and the Conservatives over 100. I may say here, although it is not down in my statement, that I went out one evening for the purpose, as far as possible, of checking these figures myself. That means a reckless expenditure, because I have no faith in 5*l.* a public-house, which I understand was the figure quoted. My opinion is, that it comes more nearly to 25*l.* or 30*l.* a house, because there are always lots of charges besides the price of the room. I put down in my own mind the cash expenditure on public-houses on our side at 750*l.* or 800*l.*, and on the other at from 2,500*l.* to 3,000. I was told there was lots of treating and drunkenness in the Conservative houses, and I have no doubt there was in the Liberal ones, although I did not see it. Mr. MacAllister, a clergyman, that was down here canvassing for me, told me it was frightful. I was frequently asked, "Is not there any 'blue beer, there is lots on the other side;' and on two or three occasions I had to push my way out of the public-houses when they tried to prevent my leaving, if I would not give beer. I believe my estimate of public-house expenditure to be low, when I consider that (as Mr. Lewis has mentioned to me) the bill of my central committee hotel is nearly 200*l.* Moreover, Baron H. de Worms, who was a candidate in 1868, told me the other day when he was standing at Greenwich, a Deal publican came to me with a bill for over 100*l.*, which he never owed, and threatened what he would do if it were not paid. With regard to my bill at the central committee hotel, which was nearly 200*l.*, I was only there myself two nights, because when Lady Goldsmid came down we went to Kent House, consequently my personal expenditure, for which I can answer, could not have amounted to more than 5*l.*, and all the rest must have been for the committee rooms. I am sure also that refreshments to clerks and messengers are open to the greatest abuse, and give opportunity for large additions to the bills, as well as the fact that at election times a candidate is made to pay double or treble for everything. Another illegal thing, which I especially begged Mr. Edwards not to employ, was a band, but it was in vain. The amount of fictitious employment was, in my opinion, enormous; messengers, clerks, board boys, flags, &c. &c., most of them, as far as I could find, doing nothing. On the Saturday afternoon I was followed by a crowd of men and boys asking to be paid, and I got away, referring them to Mr. Edwards. The blue boat of Deal, which I had never heard of until I saw it, was another source of fictitious employment; also watching the flagstaffs after they had been put up, as well as putting them up, and so on. I am told that considerable sums were also paid directly for votes. Considering the small number of votes I polled, I should have thought it impossible; but I understand from various sources that Mr. Edwards gave sums of money for public-house payments, and out of those sums various amounts were paid to voters collected there. I have here in my statement, which I am reading, some words in brackets which I think the Commissioners will say it would not be advisable to read (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

5498. No, I think, they may be well left out?—I have been making many enquires, and I am told that my expenses were small in comparison to those of the candidates at previous elections. I believe their principal object was, as far as possible, to promise me so as to prevent my petitioning, for which Mr. Edwards and others knew, on the Friday, I was making preparations, and notes. In fact, I have heard from many quarters that that has been stated openly, and I know that the feeling against me at Deal was before the polling, and has been since, very bitter. The election came off on Tuesday. I only polled 700 votes, and was beaten by 440. Mr. Hughes and I compared notes while the votes were being counted, and I told him I calculated the majority at from 350 to 400, and he put it at 500 to 600, and showed me his figures. Mr. Otway and Lady Goldsmid were with me, and, I think, Mr. Mellor, and were amused at my gratification at the result. We returned to London early next morning, without troubling myself about anybody at Deal, and on that very day began to see friends and discussed with them the petition. Amongst those I consulted were Mr. Otway, Mr. James, Mr. Rus-

sell, and all were of one opinion that it was a public duty to endeavour to disfranchise the place, as there is no public, or political feeling, except amongst a few notable persons, but it is entirely a question of making as much as they can by fair means or foul out of the candidates. Two days after, I therefore consulted Mr. Lewis, he was of the same opinion, and I put the whole matter into his hands, including all questions of payment of accounts, duly informing Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Edwards thereof. It is not down in my statement, but I should like to say that I told Mr. Lewis to put out all about the case against myself, as well as against Mr. Roberts, because I was certain there was a good case against myself through my agents. I was brought up as a barrister, and I know that you are responsible for the acts of your agents. My main reasons for petitioning were, first, that I do not wish anybody else to be put in the position I had been, and the only way to do it was by means of a petition and Commission. Secondly, I had heard of threats at Deal to get me into a mess if I petitioned, to use personal violence if I came near the place, and so on, and I consequently thought I was bound to do it; and thirdly, that in the public interests it was desirable to put a strong check to the corrupt system which prevails so largely in this small constituency. I had no personal feeling towards Mr. Roberts, but was entirely influenced by the above considerations, and the advice of friends. After the petition was presented all sorts of efforts were made to induce me to withdraw. I had letters from Liberals at Deal, one or two visits, and lots of indirect applications. Ultimately, a few days before the trial, Mr. (I should prefer not to give his name to be published, but I will write it down and hand it to you) called at my house, and I was out. He saw my wife, and left word that he had to see me about the petition, and asking me to make an appointment. I did so, and he came and told me that he had been commissioned on behalf of Mr. Roberts to ask me to withdraw the petition on consideration of his taking the Chiltern hundred, paying all my expenses of election and petition, and I understood letting me walk over. I replied that any such negotiations or offers were perfectly useless. There were three reasons, first, I had no feeling against Mr. Roberts, but against the corruption of the constituency, which I thought was unworthy of having representation, and ought to be disfranchised. That was my object from first to last to disfranchise the place. Then, secondly, nothing on earth would induce me to sit for the place now that I know it; and thirdly, I thought it would be most unworthy of me to take money from Mr. Roberts or anyone else, and it would lay me open to so obvious a charge that I was surprised at the offer being made. I should wish the Commissioners to mark that particularly because I think I ought to say that X said he entirely agreed with the view I took, and would give the answer. I told Mr. Lewis about this interview, and he quite agreed with me. The petition went on with the result we know. Before concluding, I ought to say I have learnt the reason why there was a walk over at the general election. The Conservatives tried to get a candidate, and saw one or two gentlemen, but could not induce anyone of them to pay the 5,000*l.* down which was a *sine qua non*. I understand the constituency was furious at losing its harvest; secondly, when Mr. Roberts went down, and the Conservatives stated openly it would be the last fight if they did not win, they used an overwhelming argument. I was used merely as a means of making Mr. Roberts spend money, and of course they hoped to get all they could out of me without the slightest intention of electing me. I believe if Lord Hartington or Mr. Bright had been the candidate the result would have been the same. Of course the whole thing has been unpleasant to me, but two results have followed that if I succeed in my object which is to disfranchise the constituency I shall have done some slight public service in sticking to the petition; and secondly, I have had a lesson which I shall not forget, and which has resulted, notwithstanding that I am devoted to parliamentary life, in my refusing a fortnight after to stand for Z constituency (I will give the name if desirable), where I could have been elected, but which I thought suspicious. It is impossible to have purity of election where, as at Deal, the bulk of the constituency is against it, and the remedy is only to have big constituencies. That is the statement which, as I have said, I had prepared a long time ago. I have read it to many friends, and I have endeavoured to make it accurate in every figure. With the permission of the Commissioners, before they put any questions to me, I should like to make a few observations upon some of the facts which

I see have been elicited in the course of this inquiry. I have made rough notes from what I have seen in the newspapers, although of course the reports may be inaccurate. I have already explained why I judged of the result of the election; but I should like to add this, I have stood seven contests, and consequently I have seen something by means of personal canvass, and here there was one thing which I did not like, and which I remarked, namely, such a large number of persons who, as I was informed, had gone over upon this occasion, when before they had always been Liberals. There was Alderman Ralph for one: I do not know why he went over; and a man called Archer, who might be termed the nomenclature of the Liberals, who went over. I thought it very odd, and I thought it a strong indication that the Conservative would be elected. Then besides that, I saw what I protested against over and over again, but my protests were ignored, namely, that the method of conducting the election was an impossible one; no order, no committee rooms, no districting as I had always seen in every other election, the agents had no control over the people, and I complained over and over again about it, till I got sick, and I was told it was impossible to manage the people of Deal, and I believe it. It is very likely Mr. Edwards would have wished to do his best to follow out my desire if it had not been that the arrangements for the election had been made before I came down, and consequently there was no intention to follow my wishes. I stated that I gave upon Tuesday morning before I went out and saw anything of the place, Mr. Edwards a cheque for 210*l.* My strong impression was that he asked me for 2,000*l.*; he says he asked me for a lump sum, which is quite correct, and I think he stated the figure 2,000*l.*, but I am not quite clear about it. Mr. Edwards has stated correctly that I for reasons (which I can give the Commissioners, but I do not think I would like to mention it in open Court) of my own, did not make it a practice to pay at all before the election, and I wished him to be very careful. I wanted to make certain of my seat and not to be petitioned against. I never had been petitioned against, and had never done an illegal act or anything to warrant a petition, and I did not wish to begin at my time of life. I said that he was to be careful, and that he was responsible. I, for reasons which I can state, as I say, gave him a cheque on the London and Westminster bank on Tuesday morning for 200*l.* The next morning, when he asked me for more money, he said it had been spent and lots more of his own. I see that Mr. Edwards has stated it in his evidence, and it is quite correct. I looked in my pocket book, for I had brought no cheque book down, and I had made no preparations; I came off at a great rush, without even a mouthful, and after speaking a few words to my secretary, and giving him some instructions to my household, I went off with Mr. Emmerson.

5499. (*Mr. Holl.*) You went to the station with Mr. Emmerson?—Yes. I did not take a cheque book, but in my pocket book, when I looked into it, I found I had a cheque which I had taken out upon my usual bank expenditure, the London and Westminster, and I gave it to him. On Wednesday morning when he asked me for a cheque, I looked and I found I had got no more London and Westminster cheques, but I had a cheque only upon the Western Branch of the Bank of England where I kept an account for a special purpose. Here again, as I do not think it is necessary to gratify the curiosity of all these gentlemen, I should like to put down the purpose, which will be verified by my book if the Commissioners like to see it. (*The witness wrote upon a paper and handed it to the Commissioners.*) If you look at that bank book (*handing the same to the Commissioners*) you will see it. On the Wednesday morning as I have explained, when I gave a cheque for 320*l.* upon the Bank of England to Mr. Edwards, I did not go into why I kept that account, or why I did not want it charged with the expenses of this election, but I told him that, as he said he had got money of his own, if he would keep that as a security until I gave him hereafter (I did not specify any time) another cheque, I should be obliged. I may say that on Thursday, all the morning, or all day I think it was nearly, I and Lady Goldsmid and a friend of ours, and Mr. Emmerson, and three or four gentlemen of Sandwich whose names I forget (I am very bad at names), were out canvassing all day at Sandwich, and in the evening I made a speech at Sandwich, and got back very late at night from Sandwich. I do not remember the time but it was late at night. I believe we drove because it was too late for a train. I have applied to my secretary and he cannot remember whether he posted a cheque book to me in time for me to receive it by the

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last post on Thursday or the very first post on Friday morning, but when I went to Mr. Edwards on the Friday morning to tell him that Mr. Belsey had written to me to inform me that my kind friends and supporters at Rochester, Messrs. Foord, would, as they had done on a number of occasions, pay a sum of money to the agent here at Sandwich. I will tell you why Sandwich by-and-bye, and I also said, "I shall be obliged if you will allow me to exchange that cheque for 320*l.* which I gave you on the Bank of England, for a cheque on the London and Westminster Bank," and I gave him a cheque on the London and Westminster Bank then, and I have that cheque here. Having done that he gave me back my cheque for 320*l.* on the Bank of England, and I tore it up as I always do with cheques I do not want. I have got my cheque book from which I took the cheque. I always take a loose cheque in that way and leave a blank, and I have got my cheque book of the Bank of England with a blank fly-leaf in it. Consequently the only other cheque which I paid, except the two for two things which I can mention to you, was a cheque for 210*l.* to Mr. Emmerson, which I drew I believe on Friday afternoon, but I am not certain of that. I paid nothing to Mr. Emmerson, and had given no instructions that any money should be paid to him. Mr. Emmerson, the head agent, did very little in that respect, for his occupations were considerable in other capacities, but when he applied to me for the deposit for the Returning Officer, he got my cheque on the London and Westminster Bank, where I usually bank, on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning for 210*l.* I am not quite certain that I drew it on Friday afternoon, and I could even give the reason why. I am not quite certain whether I sent it that night or early the next morning, but I think it was Friday night. Then the only other cheques I drew were these. I went on Tuesday night with Mr. Roberts, Captain Roberts, and I think the chairman of the Liberal party, Mr. Cottew, and one or two other people whose names I forget, and I think six or eight of us were made Foresters or Odd Fellows, Foresters it was. When we were there, and directly after we had been made Foresters, we were given papers with regard to the expenditure of the society, and Mr. Roberts got up and said he would present five guineas to the Widows and Orphans Funds. I thought that was legitimate, and I therefore did the same thing and said I would give it and would send the cheque. A few minutes after that Mr. Roberts got up and requested everybody in the place to drink at his expense. I never like to take an unfair advantage of an opponent, and I thought it was right to inform him he was acting illegally (the writ was out already), so as to give him an opportunity of withdrawing it. I said to Mr. Roberts in the hearing of his brother, "That is a totally illegal thing Mr. Roberts." He said, "I suppose it does not signify much who paid, 'Liberals or Conservatives here,'" I said, "It does." The order was not withdrawn and I left it where it was. Consequently you will see that I sent a cheque for five guineas when I got my cheque book on Friday, and at the same time I drew a cheque for Mr. Edwards for 320*l.*, and I gave it him on the Tuesday. I have got them all here, and I have all the account books, some of them having actually nothing to do with the election. I gave him the cheque as I say, and I then told him I had received a letter from Mr. Belsey informing me that my friends, the Messrs. Foord, would, in accordance with my request, send 1,500*l.* to Mr. Edwards at Sandwich on the Saturday. Again here I think it would be better that I should put down the reason why I asked that the money should be sent to Mr. Edwards at Sandwich upon paper. May I do so?

5500. Certainly.

(The witness wrote upon paper and handed the same to the Commissioners.)

5501. *(Mr. Holl.)* I understand you do not desire, and I can understand why, to make this public; but I should like to ask you, was your reason in a great measure because of what you had heard of Mr. Emmerson?—I wanted Mr. Emmerson to be aware that money was coming on my behalf (I will explain hereafter why I wrote to Messrs. Ford, as I have done during the last 10 years), but I did not specify in what way money was to be paid. I wanted Mr. Emmerson to be aware of it, and therefore I gave Mr. Belsey that request that the money should be sent to Sandwich, and I gave Mr. Emmerson's name in writing to Mr. Belsey, to give to Messrs. Foord, who, as I say, have acted as my friends for many years in looking after all my expenditure for me. I can explain it if you like, and tell you all about it, but it does not affect this. I wished them to send the money to Mr. Edwards, seeing that about money Mr. Emmerson had not

said a word since he suggested the cost of the election, about which he has given evidence. As I say, I wished the money to be paid to Mr. Edwards in whatever form it was sent in the presence of Mr. Emmerson, because I had very great confidence in Mr. Emmerson. I do not wish to make any reflection upon Mr. Edwards, but I did not know him until Mr. Emmerson had introduced me to him after he had brought me down. In order to effect that object I gave Mr. Belsey the name of Mr. Emmerson in writing upon a piece of paper, and I requested him to take care and hand that to Messrs. Foord, which he did. When, therefore, they received the money, Mr. Edwards was upon the platform in the open day to receive Mr. Ford, and went with him to Mr. Emmerson's house, and he paid the money, which I believe was duly counted. You may ask "Why was it 'in gold.'" Well, I had told Mr. Belsey, whom I do not think anybody in Deal would say is not known to be a man of the highest honour and position in this county, about the monstrous expenditure that I had already seen in those two days upon the flags, upon messengers, upon boys, and upon all these ridiculous things, which I have described, and of which you have heard a great deal, and I had been told by Mr. Edwards that all these people had to be paid down, and he had asked me for a lump sum at the commencement. I thought that after all, instead of being bothered every day for a cheque off me he had better have a lump sum, and I asked his opinion, placing the greatest reliance in his opinion, and the thought, as I did, and I not having any cheque in my pocket, and not knowing, for a reason I can give, whether I should have a cheque in time for Mr. Edwards to inform the bank that cash would be required, I asked Mr. Belsey to go to my usual kind friends of Rochester, who have constantly paid money for me. I was thinking it over the other day, and I remember a few years ago there was a purchase of some property to be made in their neighbourhood in which I was interested. I was not very near at the time, and so I asked them kindly to pay it for me, which they did, and I believe they did not let me know how much it was till a month after. They paid money for me frequently; all my donations, subscriptions, registration expenses, and office at Rochester, for I have kept an office at Rochester for the purpose of looking after the Liberal registration, and I have kept a permanent clerk there. It has been a considerable expense, but I have never paid it myself. Those things have kindly been paid for me by them, and I settle with them about once a year. They are men of highest position, great liberality, and would resent altogether any imputation on their honour. Just in the same way that I should apply to them to-morrow morning to settle any business account within their part of the county, so I applied to them to send the agent here 1,500*l.* to carry on the election. I wrote to my secretary for cheques. When I am absent all these things are more or less private matters, and perhaps I might put down that upon paper. *(The witness wrote upon a piece of paper and handed it to the Commissioners.)* I requested Mr. Belsey to say to my friends, the Messrs. Foords, to oblige me by sending 1,500*l.* on Friday, and at the same time I exchanged that cheque I had given Mr. Edwards. I did not, as I should have done, write to them. I did not know exactly what arrangements they would make for the purpose of sending 1,500*l.* but on consideration I thought it was better to let the matter stand as it was, for the reason I put down upon that piece of paper which I gave you, and that is really why I asked Mr. Belsey to make the arrangement. Now, there is another matter which I should like to explain. Mr. Otway, my late colleague and intimate friend, came down on Wednesday, and I told him what arrangements I had made and the actual amount of money I had paid to the agents, including the 1,500*l.* paid by Messrs. Foord. I see a good deal has been said about the payments for flags, &c. I should have a great deal to tell you, and I might take the day if I went through all I saw in that respect. One reason why I calculated 2,000*l.* (apart from the reason that I believe Mr. Edwards had asked me for that sum) would be a very moderate sum, considering the way the election was conducted, was that I counted myself over 150 poles and standards put up in the "blue" interest, as they call it, with flags, &c., and in order to test what was done I went to Mr. Edwards without telling him my object, and asked how much was paid for putting up those poles. I was told that every man upon the Liberal side was paid 25*s.*, and every man upon the Conservative side was paid 30*l.* Then in order to test it I went to some of the men and asked them how many had been occupied in putting up a moderate sized pole, and was

told upon that occasion five. Therefore, I put down the expense of that pole at 6l., and considering that I counted there were 150 poles, it showed that an enormous sum of money would be very likely required. It is perfectly illegal I know, and I am fully aware of that. I had asked them not to go on with it, but it was gone on with. The same thing occurred with regard to flags and banners. I see it has been stated by some gentleman that Mr. Edwards had informed him that the flags and banners, poles, &c., were to be put by mutual consent. I am quite sure there must be some mistake there, my consent was never asked, and I never gave it. Half, I should think, were put up before I arrived here, and although I was protesting against their being put up and all my friends who were with me, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Walter James, Mr. Cunningham, Lady Goldsmid, and everybody, were informed that was the case; still it went on, and it was perfectly useless for me to give an opinion. I was not wanted to give an opinion. I was not wanted to give an opinion, and it was useless for me to give one. I was only the means to an end, and I believe the end was to elect Mr. Roberts by a large majority in order to keep the place going, and compromise me as far as possible in order to prevent my petition. I may give another example. I happened on Friday afternoon to hear that it was customary at Deal to engage a band, of course I knew that that was an illegal thing, and besides that, as far as I have seen, a band always promotes rows, and I specially went down to Mr. Edwards to ask him not to have a band. Well, when I was dressing on the morning of the day of the election at 7 o'clock, I heard a tremendous noise outside, not quite in front of our house, and I looked out and saw a large band covered with blue. I came downstairs I may say in a very bad temper, I had my breakfast, and I rushed off to Mr. Edwards and said, "I asked you particularly not to engage a band;" he said, "Yes, I know you did," and I said, "Who ordered it?" Mr. Edwards said, "I did not," and then I said, "Who did?" and he said, "Some friend or other"; and I said, "Whoever the friend is I am quite certain he will expect me to pay for it." Consequently, in every matter, whether I was asked or not, the result was exactly the same. It was exactly the same when I went out canvassing. I could not get people to go out canvassing with me. I have had a great deal of election experience, and have stood for many constituencies, some small and some large, but I have always had a crowd of volunteer canvassers coming and accompanying me. I had it at Rochester, here I could not get anybody except one or two very good fellows, one a ship's steward named King, and another, a small tradesman named Barker, who was very obliging and accompanied us and took out myself and Lady Goldsmid, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Mellor, and Captain Sanctuary, and showed us about, because of course I wanted somebody who knew the place to show me about; but in other respects I had very great difficulty in getting canvassers to accompany me in my canvass at Sandwich. It was not at all like any other constituency I have been accustomed to. Besides that, I may say that, as far as I am concerned I should not have thought of coming to a place like Sandwich with more or less a bad reputation, if it had not been for the walk over at the general election; but I know nothing whatever about that circumstance, which I have mentioned to the Commissioners, and, consequently, I thought that they found the real Liberal majority was so established that it was a certain thing for a Liberal. I came, and it was in consequence of the discovery I made in the course of a couple of days of the illegal mode which I have described, that I thought on Wednesday afternoon of retiring, and I only did not do so because I did not wish to incur the reproach of the Liberal party by giving up the seat. I find no fault with the evidence that has been given by the other gentlemen here. I believe, as far as I am concerned, I should be quite ready to rest any further remarks upon Mr. Usher's, who said that Sir Julian Goldsmid honestly thought he was too good for the place. I confess I did think I was too good for the place, and I did not want to have anything to do with it. I am not ashamed of it, and if I was supercilious, I intended to be supercilious to encourage the people not to vote for me. Having been involved in this matter I wanted to get out of it as soon as I could in order to petition and disfranchise the constituency. There is one little thing I should like to put down on paper. *[The Witness wrote upon paper and handed the same to the Commissioners.]*

(Mr. Holl.) You had a correspondence the other day between yourself and Sir Julian Goldsmid, Mr. Emmerson.

(Mr. Emmerson.) Yes, sir, and I handed it to you the other day, and you returned it to me.

(Mr. Holl.) At that time we did not think it material, you had better hand it in now.

(Mr. Emmerson.) There are the only two letters which I had, and my reply (*handing the same to the Commissioners*).

(The Witness.) I forgot one thing, I have my account books, as I was asked by the Secretary to bring them, and I have got all my pass books, and have marked all the entries having any connexion with the election.

5502. (Mr. Holl.) I shall have a few questions to ask you, and as I go on I will ask you for the cheques and things that we think material. I think your first communication with Mr. Emmerson was the night of the 28th of April?—I do not know the date.

5503. Kindly look at that letter (*handing a letter to the witness*). Is not that the first communication you had with Mr. Emmerson?—Yes, that is right.

5504. I need not read the whole of it, but it is a note alluding to the fact of its being reported Mr. Hugesson was to be made a Peer, and inquiring whether he thought that the Liberal party would be inclined to adopt you as their candidate?—Yes.

5505. Then there is his reply of the 29th, "I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and in reply to state that nothing in confirmation of the rumour, as to Mr. Hugesson has yet been received in the borough. Should anything transpire I will take steps to enable me to reply to the inquiry contained in your letter." Then on the 4th of May you received a telegram from him, I think, because you write, "On returning home rather late to-day I found your telegram." Do you remember that?—I have no recollection of it.

5506. I think from this note you must have received a telegram?—Very likely.

5507. I should think you did, and in consequence of that you wrote to him on the 4th of May?—I do not remember having a telegram, but I told you that I wrote him a letter.

5508. I quite understand this is your letter of the 4th of May, "On returning home rather late to-day, I found your telegram, to which I immediately replied, that it is impossible for me to say whether I should like to be a candidate or not, for a few days, until the choice of the graduates of the University of London is known. To-morrow the committee representing all the four gentlemen proposed, viz., Sir J. Lubbock, Sir George Jessel, Sir William Gully, and myself, will meet and decide on the form of circular to be sent to the Liberal Graduates. Whichever of the four of us has most support in this preliminary ballot will be the Liberal candidate. Until I know, therefore, what the decision is there, I do not like to take steps elsewhere, as a University seat is always considered the very best a man can have. We shall know, I think, sometime next week. If the ballot is not in my favour, would it then be too late for me to have a chance at Sandwich? With many thanks for the trouble you have taken, I am, yours faithfully." Does that recall it to your recollection?—I do not remember the wording of that letter, but that is very much my style I should say.

5509. When after that did you first see Mr. Emmerson, do you remember?—I do not believe I saw Mr. Emmerson till the Monday when he telegraphed to me he was coming up. I no not know whether it is so, but it is my strong impression.

(Mr. Emmerson.) That is quite right.

5510. That is what Mr. Emmerson has told us—that you saw him on the Monday?—In consequence of my receiving, I cannot say whether a note or a telegram saying he was going to call. I think a note.

5511. And he did call on you?—Certainly he did.

5512. And then did you go down that same evening with him?—He called upon me, I think, about 12 o'clock. I was very unwilling to give up my chance of the University of London, and we talked, I think, for nearly half an hour, and then Mr. Emmerson was anxious to have a candidate, I believe, and accompanied me to Mr. Stansfield's residence in a Hansom cab, but he was out. He lives a long way from me, I living at Piccadilly, and he living near the Albert Hall. I was kept in the room for 20 minutes, and Mr. Emmerson was kept outside, if I remember rightly, and then Mrs. Stansfield came down to say that Mr. Stansfield was out. I got back I think about a quarter past one. The train left at —. I cannot tell the exact time, I am a little doubtful

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about that, but it was a little after two, and I had something like half-an-hour to get some luncheon, give some instructions to my secretary, see my wife, who was not at all pleased at my going, make a number of other arrangements, and write two or three notes with regard to the University of London election before I went away. I do not think I was ever in such a bustle before.

5513. So you returned that afternoon with him?—

5514. I observe in your statement, you said, that when you came down you found a good deal had been done in the way of employing clerks, and erecting poles, and so on?—I do not think I said I found that; what I said was, that when I came down I found bills printed with Sir Julian Goldsmid's central committee rooms, but I found afterwards, on the next day, or so, that obviously a great deal had been done, for as I understand electioneering, I know how long it takes to do these things.

5515. On the Tuesday you found there was business going on and things being done which led you to the conclusion that arrangements had been made previously to your coming down?—That is it.

5516. Can you tell us to what extent did you ascertain or inquire if anything had been done in the way of employment of canvassers and employment of persons?—I found the stairs and the rooms below all crowded with people, who looked to me from their appearance as if they were doing nothing, but had been engaged about the place. I saw different messengers at the doors, and so on. I knew nothing about these people, who they were, or any individual scarcely. I came down a perfect stranger to the place, for I had never been here before.

5517. Whether they had been actually engaged before you came down, or the night you came down, you are unable to say?—I am totally unable to say, or who engaged them, or what they were to do.

5518. During the course of that Tuesday did you notice that poles had been erected?—Certainly; one could not help noticing it.

5519-20. To any extent?—I should say considerable. I saw preparations being made. I was taken about at Sandwich by Mr. Emmerson on the Tuesday, I think it was Mr. Emmerson.

(Mr. Emmerson.) Yes.

(The Witness.) Yes, it was on the Tuesday. I only went to Sandwich once, and I think it was on the Tuesday. I was taken down the High Street first, which I believe, and I have been candidate for many places, is always the practice. I went to Sandwich and spent the greater part of the day at Sandwich with Mr. Emmerson, canvassing.

5521. I suppose it was the afternoon before you could come to Deal?—I came back to Deal in time for dinner, I think.

5522. Did you come to Deal that afternoon?—Yes.

5523. But it was late in the day?—I cannot say the exact hour, but I believe it was late in the day.

5524. Would your observations with regard to what had been done with the poles be your observation on the Tuesday afternoon or on the Wednesday morning?—On the Tuesday afternoon, and on the Wednesday you could see some of them being put up from the train as you came in.

5525. During your interview with Mr. Emmerson in London, or going down, or on your arrival here, do you remember whether he said anything to you with regard to what would be the probable amount required for contesting the borough?—My impression is Mr. Emmerson told me the expenditure was always considerable, that it was 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* We did not get much conversation going down, for a curious accident happened. On arriving at the station I met a friend of mine, Lord George Hamilton. I said, "Hullo! what have you come down here for?" He said, "I expected to meet 'Sir William Harcourt.'" I said, "Why did you expect to meet Sir William Harcourt?" and he said, "Because 'I was told he was to be the candidate at Sandwich.'" I said, "You have hit on the wrong man, I am the man;" and we went down together for some distance.

5526. However, you think that during the early part of your interview with him, Mr. Emmerson did mention to you that it might probably be 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.*?—Yes.

5527. To whom did you give the first cheque, Mr. Emmerson or Mr. Edwards?—I gave no cheque to Mr. Emmerson except on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, the cheque for 210*l.* for the returning officer.

5528. Your first cheque was, I think, to Mr. Edwards for 200*l.*?—Yes.

5529. I think I must ask you to hand in that cheque?—Certainly. (*Handing the same to the Commissioners.*) There is the whole lot of them connected with Sandwich.

5530. That was on the Tuesday morning?—Yes.

5531. Was that the time you had the conversation to which you alluded, in which Mr. Edwards mentioned it was usual to pay the sum down?—Yes, on the Tuesday morning, before I went out. I slept in the hotel, and he came to the hotel.

5532. Did you on that day say anything to him, or did you, in fact, make any arrangement on that day with regard to having money sent down from Rochester?—No.

5533. That was subsequently, was it?—Yes, certainly.

5534. And I understand, on the Wednesday morning, he again asked you for money?—Yes.

5535. And I think you gave him a cheque on the bank of England for 320*l.*?—Yes.

5536. With an intimation that, for private reasons which are not material, you did not wish that presented, and asked him to advance money of his own until you got some cheques upon your regular bankers?—Yes.

5537. Now, at that time, did you say anything to him about having money sent down?—No.

5538. Not on that day?—No. This is my Bank of England cheque book, with a blank fly-leaf where I tore the cheque out, which I afterwards destroyed.

5539. (*Mr. Jeune.*) That was the cheque, was it—corresponding with the number on the fly-leaf?—I do not know about its being that cheque. The numbers don't always correspond with the cheques. I am rather careless about cheques, I am afraid.

5540. All the other cheques have the name upon the counterfoil to whom drawn?—Yes.

5541. And this has nothing?—Quite so.

5542. (*Mr. Holl.*) I understand you asked Mr. Edwards to hold it over, and advance money for you in the meantime?—Yes.

5543. He has told us that on that day he did draw 320*l.* from his private account?—I did not see that.

5544. When was it that you first made any arrangement for the money being sent down from Rochester?—When I had a conversation with my friend, Mr. Belsey, on Thursday morning; he was returning to Rochester at a very early hour, and I knew he could immediately see Messrs. Foord, who had kindly paid so many things for me. It occurred to me then.

5545. Is Mr. Belsey a resident here?—He is a resident of Rochester, and one of my oldest friends. I knew him long before I was member there.

5546. Had he come down with you?—No; he came down in consequence of an offer to come and speak for me, being ex-mayor of Rochester, and probably the finest speaker in the county; he came and spoke for me.

5547. When did he come?—The meeting was held on the Wednesday night, and he came hardly in time for dinner. We made him bolt his food in order to be in time to speak at the meeting.

5548. He spoke on the Wednesday night?—Yes.

5549. And he was going back on the Thursday morning?—Yes, he had business of his own.

5550. And then it was you requested him to request Messrs. Foord to send down some money?—Yes, that was Thursday morning, and they were to send it on Friday or Saturday—that is, they were not to send it to me, but Mr. Edwards.

5551. Quite so; Mr. Edwards at Sandwich?—Yes, Mr. Edwards at Sandwich. Mr. Emmerson had never asked me for money, or said anything about money, from the moment I came down up to the time I received the application from him for the returning officer's deposit.

5552. At the time that Mr. Emmerson asked you for the money for the returning officer, did you say anything to him that money would be coming down?—He did not ask me; he sent either a messenger, or a note—I do not know which.

(*Mr. Emmerson.*) I wrote you a note, and asked for a cheque, and in the meantime we received the money from Rochester?

(*The Witness.*) Not in the meantime.

(*Mr. Emmerson.*) I thought I received the cheque that I had written to you for on Thursday, and

the Rochester money I was under the impression came on Friday?

(*The Witness.*) No, on Saturday.

5553-5. (*Mr. Emmerson.*) I could not say the other day which day it was—not certainly.

(*The Witness.*) It was on the Saturday. Here is the cheque I gave to Mr. Emmerson (*producing the same*); I don't know that the cheque will prove it.

5556. (*Mr. Jeune.*) The 14th of May is the date of the cheque, so that it was written on the Thursday apparently?—Monday was the 10th, so the 14th would be Friday.

5557. You are right, Friday was the 14th; and the cheque is dated the 14th of May?—Why I put 210*l.* is that I always vary my cheques with odd pounds, because I am sorry to say I have to pay a great many cheques for 200*l.* and 300*l.* for various reasons to different people.

5558. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you remember whether anything of this kind took place. Mr. Emmerson told us that in the course of a conversation he had with you, you told him, when speaking to him about money matters, that you would have money brought to you, or "money will be sent down, but I don't want to be bothered with it myself." Do you remember that?—I told him I think on Saturday. Lady Goldsmid and I went over to the nomination; we went by train, and walked up to the polling place, and Mr. Emmerson was good enough to meet us, I think.

(*Mr. Emmerson.*) I did.

5559. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When was that; on the Saturday morning?—Yes; I am not fond of doing more business than I can help on Saturday, but I went over to the nomination. I left Lady Goldsmid after being duly nominated, and walked about with one or two gentlemen, and we came back by a later train in the day—I think three o'clock, and I believe I made some such observation as, "You will receive the money from Rochester to-day."

5560. I do not quite understand. Was this 210*l.* paid to Mr. Emmerson in anticipation of the payments to be made to the returning officer?—Yes, for the returning officer.

5561. You paid him on Friday, and were nominated on Saturday?—Yes.

5562. Is the payment to the returning officer always made before the nomination?—It is always done in my experience.

(*Mr. Emmerson.*) It is generally done before the morning of the nomination; but it so happened in this case that the payment to the returning officer was made on the morning of the nomination. It has not generally been the case; and besides, we don't know the actual amount, but pay an estimated amount for expenses; there was 100*l.* for Sir Julian Goldsmid; and Mr. Hughes paid 100*l.* for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

(*Mr. Holl.*) You told us in your evidence you had written to Sir Julian Goldsmid for money to pay the returning officer.

(*Mr. Emmerson.*) Yes. I don't know that I said to Sir Julian Goldsmid the object I wanted it for?—Yes, you did; you told me what for. I may say I have usually paid myself the returning officer beforehand. I should say I paid every returning officer at Rochester, and that I can remember, except in the county, when I stood for Mid Surrey years ago.

5563. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you remember saying anything of that sort to Mr. Emmerson in the course of any application by him, or any conversation with him with respect to money, that you would have money brought to you, but that you did not want to be bothered with it yourself. "I shall make some other arrangement; it shall be sent to you." Do you remember anything of that kind?—No, I told him he was going to have, or rather Mr. Edwards was going to have, some money from Rochester from my kind friends and supporters, Messrs. Foord.

5564. You did tell him that?—Certainly I told him that; but that was on the Saturday morning, I think, when we were walking about the town.

5565. Did you tell Mr. Edwards that money would be sent down?—On Thursday morning, after I had made the arrangement with Mr. Belsey, I went to Mr. Edwards and told him; and on the Friday morning I told him that I had received a note from Mr. Belsey to say Messrs. Foord would be good enough to send it for me, and I told him the train; and in consequence of my telling him the train, he went over to Sandwich to meet Mr. Foord.

5566. Why should you think it desirable to have the 1,500*l.* sent down from Rochester? What was your reason for thinking it better than drawing a cheque here?—I had not got a cheque at the time and I was quite certain they would send the money, and I did not know when I should receive my cheques.

5567. You could have drawn a cheque on plain paper?—I have never done such a thing in my life. I have seen at clubs men giving I.O.U.'s on plain paper, but I have never drawn a cheque on plain paper in my life.

5568. That did not occur to you?—It never occurred to me till you suggested it now, and I do not think I should like to do it now.

5569. You had no account at the bank here, I understand?—None.

5570. You did not make any application to them to advance you money? I presume they would have done so?—I did not ask them. I did not know what bank there was here. I did not ask anybody. I had no friends here. I had never seen anybody from Deal, I think.

5571. As Mr. Belsey was going back you preferred to ask him to get the money forwarded to you?—Yes; Mr. Belsey, being an intimate friend of mine, knew all my affairs, I believe, in that way.

5572. Had you any other reason at all for having the money sent down that way other than you thought it was convenient to have it from Messrs. Foord?—I had no other reason.

5573. I understand, having made that arrangement with Mr. Belsey, you communicated it to Mr. Edwards, and on the following morning you had a note from Mr. Belsey informing you it was coming?—Yes.

5574. Was that a note or telegram?—An ordinary note by post.

5575. Have you preserved that note?—No; I am sorry to say I have not. I received 500 or 600 notes sometimes in one week, and sometimes a hundred only. I should be crowded with papers if I kept them all.

5576. You recollect the fact of having heard from Mr. Belsey at that time?—Yes.

5577. And in consequence of that Mr. Edwards went over to Sandwich?—Yes, and I told him the train Mr. Ford was coming by.

5578. I understand you to say that though you knew this money was coming, and notwithstanding you had made arrangements that this money should come down, you wished to pay Mr. Edwards, and so gave him your cheque in exchange for the cheque you had drawn for the purpose of meeting the expenses—the 320*l.* cheque?—I got back the Bank of England cheque for the reason I gave you.

5579. You gave your cheque to redeem your Bank of England cheque, if I may say so, which you had handed to him?—Quite so.

5580. Did you at the time you made this arrangement with Mr. Belsey anticipate that the expenses would amount to as much as 2,000*l.*?—Mr. Emmerson, I think, had told me 2,000*l.* to 3,000*l.*, and I cannot remember, and, therefore, I do not like to say; but I believe the figure that Mr. Edwards mentioned to me was 2,000*l.* as a commencement, and I made a sort of rough calculation.

5581. You had given Mr. Edwards 200*l.*, and that with the 1,500*l.* you sent him would make 1,700*l.*?—No, I had given him 200*l.* and 300*l.*

5582. Not when you made the arrangement with Mr. Belsey;—Yes, I had.

5583. I beg your pardon, I see you had?—On Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning, and Thursday morning.

5584. Yes, it was my mistake. I had forgotten the Bank of England cheque for which the other cheque was given?—The other was redemption.

5585. I quite understand that. That would have made altogether 2,000*l.*?—Yes, and I did not mean to give any more.

5586. Did you anticipate that the legitimate expenses of the election would amount to that sum, or about that sum?—That sum had been mentioned to me, and I supposed that the legitimate expenses, with the things I saw which I considered very illegal, the flags, and so on, but for which I know I am liable, would most certainly amount to that.

5587. Though you knew there was an illegitimate expense being incurred you thought you ought to pay for it?—Yes; my agent had ordered it as far as I knew. I will hand you the fly leaves of the cheques in the book (*handing same to the Commissioners*).

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5588. This is the cheque book you received down on Friday morning?—Yes.

5589. I see the first counterfoil in this book shows the first cheque was drawn on the 13th of May, which would be the Thursday?—I cannot say I drew it on that day. It may have been in the night, or it may have been the 14th. It may have been early on Friday morning, though I dated it the 13th.

5590. The first cheque you drew in this book is the cheque with which you redeemed your own cheque on the Bank of England for 320l.?—Yes.

5591. I see on the 14th there is the counterfoil of the cheque to Mr. Edwards for 210l.?—On the 14th, Friday, that is.

5592. Yes. I may take it there are no other cheques in this book for money paid to Mr. Emmerson or Mr. Edwards?—Quite so. I could show you any account books which I brought down; there are a great lot of them. There are no more cheques of any kind.

5593. Do you know at all who it was actually brought the money down?—Yes, Mr. Charles Foord, one of the members of the firm.

5594. Did you see him when he came?—No, I did not see him. On the afternoon of Saturday I was at Deal and he was at Sandwich.

5595. I understand you that your belief is Mr. Edwards met him on the platform at Sandwich?—I was informed so.

5596. Can you tell me the name of your informant?—I think his brother, Alderman Foord, a member of the firm, told me so, but I am not quite certain.

5597. Your information came through Mr. Foord?—Through his brother, I think. There are several members of the firm. The whole firm know of all the payments that have been made for me.

5598. Do you know how the money was divided when it arrived here between Mr. Edwards and Mr. Emmerson?—I know now, but I did not know at the time. Mr. Lewis told me I think, but I cannot say exactly when. I dare say Mr. Lewis can remember.

5599. You did not know how much each of them had?—I had not the faintest idea. I thought Mr. Edwards had it all.

5600. You did not know that Mr. Emmerson had received a great part of it?—I did not think Mr. Emmerson had a penny.

5601. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Edwards about this money after it arrived?—Mr. Edwards when he came back informed me that he had received the money, and, as I said, my very strong impression was, handed me Mr. Charles Foord, with his compliments.

5602. I understand you to say that you were aware that considerable sums were being expended on poles, colours, flags, and so forth?—I do not think anybody with eyes in his head could help being aware of it.

5603. You say that no application was made to you by Mr. Edwards to ask you if you would sanction it?—I said to Mr. Edwards that I thought that it was gross, the expenditure upon flags, poles, and colours, and I asked him to stop it, and he said he would, and it went on just the same as before, if not worse. There were flags and colours put up on the day of the election. I saw them putting up poles, and, I suppose, I am to pay for them.

5604. I understand you to say you did remonstrate against it?—Over and over again, and to all my friends. Mr. McAlister came to me not long ago to point out that I had discussed it with him and said how monstrous it was, and Mr. James, Mr. Cunningham, and his cousin, Mr. Otway, everybody who came near me. I was in a state of boiling indignation most of the time about this.

5605. Did you say anything to anybody else with a view of stopping it, besides Mr. Edwards?—No; I had no other agent except Mr. Edwards.

5606. I suppose this was principally confined to Deal and Walmer?—Yes; I thought Sandwich was very well conducted. I liked Sandwich. I wished Mr. Emmerson had taken me more to Sandwich.

5607. Now as to the engagement of public-houses. Did you give any directions with regard to it, or interfere at all with reference to that matter?—No. I said I thought the engagement of public-houses was gross, for us as well as the other side; and it was with a view to a petition. And for that reason I had a list prepared of theirs as well as ours, which I handed to Mr. Lewis.

5608. Had they been engaged before they came, do

you know?—I do not know at all. My strong impression is, they were engaged.

5609. Before you came to Deal?—Yes.

5610. You expressed your opinion, you say, that the number of public-houses was gross and excessive?—Yes.

5611. To whom did you express that opinion?—I think I said it openly to any number of people. I dare say to Mr. King, and I dare say to a lot of other people. I told Mr. Edwards too. I believe I told everybody. I think they did not like me at all, because I was too open-mouthed.

5612. Did you say anything to Mr. Edwards as to the employment of persons?—My impression is I did, but I have no recollection of any specific conversation.

5613. I do not know whether you have seen the papers, but we have been told by a witness named Coleman, that at Sandwich he engaged some seven public-houses on the understanding that they should use their influence with their clientelle to vote on behalf of the Liberals. Were you aware of that?—No. Mr. Emmerson introduced me to Mr. Coleman, but I knew of no arrangement. I did not trouble myself about the Sandwich arrangements, for I had perfect confidence in Mr. Emmerson.

5614. You did not know that had been done?—No.

5615. Mr. Coleman told us he went about with you for some little time calling on people?—Mr. Emmerson introduced me, I think.

5616. And he went about with you, showing you about the place?—Yes; he seemed to me to be a very good sort of fellow.

5617. He told us he promised to different persons various sums, varying from 1l. to 4l. and 5l., to vote for the Liberal interest. Were you aware of that?—Not at all. I was not aware of that at all.

5618. Or of those sums having been any of them paid?—Nothing about it at all.

5620. You told us that out of the sum of 200l. which Mr. Emmerson had, part of the 1,500l. which came down by Mr. Foord, he received 50l., part of which he said he expended in paying for refreshments at different public-houses from that day. Were you aware of that expenditure?—I knew nothing about any amount of money paid to him, or received by him, and paid by him.

5620. You did not know even that Mr. Emmerson had had any?—No. I did not know that Mr. Emmerson had had any other money.

5621. We have also heard that very considerable sums were paid by Mr. Edwards to a person named Outwin, for the purpose of being distributed among voters; as much as 1,050l. Were you aware at all of that money having being paid to Outwin for that purpose?—I was aware that money was paid to Outwin, because I understood he did make the arrangement about the public-houses.

5622. He told us he received two sums of 50l. and 25l. in order to pay for the public-houses he had engaged?—I did not know that.

5623. But with regard to a further sum of 1,050l. which he said he received for the purpose of distribution among different voters; were you aware of that at all?—I was not aware of that at all.

5624. Had you any suspicion or idea that anything of that kind was being done?—I had no idea of it.

5625. In the same way we are told that about 340l., I think, was given to Mr. Rose by Mr. Outwin for the purpose of distribution in some way among different voters. That was after the election, but they were previous promises. Were you at all aware that he, or anyone else, made any promises to voters?—I knew nothing about it. I knew Mr. Rose, but I did not know anything about any promises made by him. I understood Mr. Rose had charge of the Walmer committee room; that is where I saw him.

5626. Had you any idea that he was making promises to different persons to pay them some 5l. each in purchase of their votes?—I had no idea of it. I thought Mr. Rose was the agent in charge of the committee room at Walmer.

5627. He was agent in charge of the committee room, but were you at all aware that in part discharge of what he considered his duty, he was making these promises?—No, certainly not.

5628. Were you aware at all that any person was making promises of that kind on his behalf to voters for their votes?—I was not aware of any promises.

5629. When did you first hear of this money, or any

fraction of it, having been spent in this way?—I think Mr. Lewis informed me, because I asked Mr. Lewis when I gave him his instructions, to find out all about the conduct of the election for the Liberals, because I wanted to know it.

5630. You first heard it from him, when?—I do not know the date.

5631. Do you remember about the date; was it before the petition that you heard it, or after?—Long before the petition was tried.

5632. What did you learn from Mr. Lewis about it?—I believe Mr. Lewis informed me that Mr. Edwards told him he had considerable money of his own which he had paid to various people, part of which I understood was spent in bribery.

5633. Did you learn from Mr. Lewis the amount that had been expended in that way?—I don't know now, nor do I know the amount of the legitimate expenses now, and I don't think Mr. Lewis knows that.

5634. Mr. Edwards has told us that he has paid some 400*l.* over and above the money he received;—that he wrote to Lewis and Lewis for it, and they declined to pay it, or have not responded at any rate to the letter?—Yes, I know that is so. Mr. Lewis informed me.

5635. May I ask you to state your reasons or views why you have not paid that amount?—I have given Mr. Lewis money and told him to settle the accounts, as he thinks proper. I have perfect confidence in Mr. Lewis to do what is right; and it was known the day I left to Mr. Emmerson or Mr. Edwards that he was going into these matters of account for me, I think two days after the election, and I have never troubled myself about the accounts at all. I have an enormous amount of business on my hands, and a great deal to do, and I have left it to Mr. Lewis.

5636. You have left it entirely to his discretion to pay what he thinks you ought to pay, and decline to pay what he thinks you ought not to pay?—Yes; it is entirely left to his discretion, but I hope he will not pay all Mr. Denne's account.

5637. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Mr. Denne said this morning he only expected to get half?—That is all right.

5638. (*Mr. Holl.*) There is one person I was going to ask you about. Mr. Outwin told us he telegraphed to Greenwich for a man named Woodman to come down at your suggestion?—That is quite incorrect, I think. I was written to by a friend of mine, whose name I can give, to tell me that in another constituency he had found this man Woodman a capital canvasser. I considered whether I would have him down. I said to Mr. Edwards, I had been recommended this man, and would he like to have him. Mr. Edwards said, "Yes," and I gave him the address. Woodman came down, came to me and presented himself, and put on a blue rosette.

5639. Had you ever known Woodman before yourself?—I had never known him before.

5640. Was it solely in consequence of this recommendation from the friend you mentioned that you had him down?—Yes. I can give the friend's name.

5641. Oh, never mind that?—I would rather do so. (*The witness wrote down the name and handed it to the Commissioners.*) That gentleman gave me the recommendation of Woodman; he would say so himself.

5642. He found him a useful man, and he recommended him to you, and advised you to employ him?—Yes.

5643. And that was your sole reason for having him?—Yes, I never heard of him, and knew nothing about him apart from that, but he was strongly recommended to me by this friend of mine. I should like to say I have brought our personal bill, which amounted to 32*l.* odd in the week, which is all we spent at our house in a week, lodging money and everything.

5644. I understand you to say that you had different persons, when canvassing, ask you for employment?—Yes, and asking for money too.

5645. Did you at all respond to them or encourage them?—I used to tell them they had come to the wrong person, and that is the reason, I believe, I was considered, as I am called by the Conservatives, very supercilious.

5646. Did you tell Mr. Edwards of those applications?—I did, and complained of them very much.

5647. I should like to ask you this. I understand you to say that in your experience the expenditure for the public-houses is more than 5*l.*, and as much as 25*l.* per house?—Certainly.

5648. In what way would that be so?—In this way, that in the first place, I believe it is legitimate, if you have a committee room, to have clerks in it, and it is legitimate for the clerks to be fed, and somehow or other those bills mount up extraordinarily. For instance, one thing I saw, about which I made no observation, because I knew it was futile, was this, I went downstairs at Denne's house, and in the clerk's room I saw some bottles of champagne and beer upon the table at 10 in the morning. When I saw that, I knew that the accounts must be very large, and how can one control it?

5649. Then you say that under the cover of supplying refreshments to clerks and persons employed in the election you find that?—A number of people are fed and drink at your expense. Besides that, there are a number of other things which they often charge you for. I have seen a lot of county court cases in which these things have come out.

5650. Did you in any way sanction that?—Certainly not.

5651. Did you do your best to discourage it?—Certainly. I had absolutely nothing to do with it.

5652. You are speaking, I suppose, of the central committee room?—Yes; Denne's. I slept there two nights, Monday night and Tuesday night, and Wednesday evening Lady Goldsmid came there, and we moved, I was very glad to get out of it, to Prince of Wales' terrace.

5653. I understand you to say it was known here on Friday morning that you had the intention of petitioning?—I do not say that I gave instructions to Mr. Edwards to have prepared for me lists of the public-houses on both sides, because I wanted them for the purpose of the petition afterwards.

5654. When were those instructions given?—I believe on Friday. I may say he gave me the papers, I believe, on Saturday, but I am not certain; either Saturday or Monday. He gave me the papers which Mr. Lewis has I think. You have those papers, I think, Mr. Lewis?

(*Mr. Lewis.*) Yes.

(*Mr. Holl.*) We should like to have them.

(*Mr. Lewis.*) I have not them with me, sir; they shall be furnished to you; they shall be sent down by the next post.

5655. (*Mr. Holl.*) You think you received those papers some time on Saturday?—Either Saturday or Monday.

5656. Being lists of the public-houses that had been engaged on either side?—Yes, except one which I think Mr. Emmerson had not given me. I sent to Sandwich for some purpose. I think Mr. Emmerson had not sent me one of his lists, and my secretary, the very day I returned to London, Wednesday, the day after the election, wrote to Mr. Emmerson, and asked him for it. Is not that so, Mr. Emmerson?

(*Mr. Emmerson.*)—Yes, that is so.

5657. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you intimate to Mr. Edwards at the time you asked him for the lists what your object was?—I think I said to him "for a petition." I may say I collected also the bills of the regatta, and a number of other things, for the petition.

5658. When was that?—The same time Mr. Edwards collected them for me.

5659. So you think it was known on Friday or Saturday that you had the intention of petitioning?—I cannot say, I think it was known, but I think Mr. Edwards understood I would do it. I have no knowledge on the point how far it was circulated on the Friday or Saturday.

5660. But you think it was known to him?—Certainly; otherwise what did I want those lists for.

5661. You might have asked him for the list, having in your own mind the intention of petitioning, but it was not communicated perhaps. I understand, as far as you remember, you communicated to him what your object was?—Yes; my impression is I did.

5662. (*Mr. Jeune.*) In every previous election which you have been engaged in, have you paid the election expenses after the election was over?—I have paid some on account, varying according to the place, and I have had all the bills afterwards paid through the agent.

5663. The great mass of the expenses in each election, the seven in which you have been engaged, has been paid after the election is over?—The mass of the expenses has.

5664. I suppose when you came down here you did not expect that the case of Deal and Sandwich would differ from other cases in which you had been engaged?—

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Quite so ; that is why I declined to give more at first than 200*l*.

5665. You say you saw Mr. Belsey about this money on Wednesday evening, was it not early Thursday morning ?—He was going back to Rochester, in any case, that morning on his own business. He came from Rochester expressly to speak for me, and went back very early in the morning.

5666. You made no secret, I mean ?—Certainly not.

5667. Are Messrs. Foord solicitors at Rochester ?—No ; they are the largest builders in the district.

5668. And they have had previous money transactions with you ; they have laid out money for you before ?—For 10 years ; all sorts of things.

5669. I forget how long you sat for Rochester ?—Ten years.

5670. And they, I suppose, were cashing supporters of yours during the whole of that time ?—Yes ; and men on whom I have the most complete reliance ; a large and important firm.

5671. They have acted as your committee, I suppose, at Rochester ?—Yes.

5672. And, I suppose, helped to conduct the election for you ?—Yes. Dr. Steele is chairman, and Alderman Foord, one of the members of the firm, is vice-chairman of the Liberal committee, and always take an active part in politics. He is one of the leading magistrates and people there.

5673. At Rochester, do they have anything to do with managing the monetary affairs of the election on your behalf ?—Not in the least. All my expenditure upon registration they kindly pay for me ; all my office expenses, all my subscriptions, and everything. They attend to many private matters for me, and pay money for me in that way, and for my private affairs. I can give you the name of the property they bought for me, if you wish it.

5674. I do not think we need trouble about details. In that way they were, I will not say in the habit, but they had constantly laid out sums of money for you, and you repaid them from time to time ?—Yes, every year. I sometimes settle up with them every six months, and sometimes every year.

5675. So they had a sort of running account with you ?—Yes.

5676. These expenses at Rochester, I suppose, were considerable ?—Yes ; you know that a member, I find it so wherever I have been member, and I was a member in Devonshire before, is expected to subscribe to every local subscription, school, hospital, and everything else, and I have always done it. I have always tried to behave what is called liberally in that respect.

5677. I mean at Rochester, there would be considerable expenditure on that account ?—Certainly, as it is in most constituencies.

5678. So that Messrs. Foord had a running account, if I may so express it, to a very considerable amount with you ?—Very considerable amount perhaps for a small person, and for me, but a fair amount.

5679. You practically drew upon them to the extent of 1,500*l*. ?—They had paid 1,500*l*. for me on my private account before now.

5680. They had ?—Yes, they have purchased some property for me and I have not repaid them for more than a month afterwards, sometimes two or three months, sometimes six, and sometimes a year.

5681. You say you had no cheques on your own private bank down here except the one you gave ?—That is all. As Mr. Lewis reminds me I told him the day I called upon him for the petition, that my expenses included the expenditure I had made of the 1,500*l*.

5682. You had no other cheques except that one you gave ?—I had one on the London and Westminster, and one on the Bank of England.

5683. On your private bank you only had one ?—Yes.

5684. There were reasons why you did not wish to mix up the account of the Bank of England with your private account ?—Yes.

5685. You do keep a secretary, do you not ?—I am sorry to say I keep two sometimes.

5686. At that time you had only one, had you ?—Yes, I had only one secretary, he keeps all my accounts except my private account at the Bank of England.

5687. Of course it suggests itself to one why you did not write to him for a cheque book ; was there any reason ?—I did write to him for a cheque book, but I did not know when I should get it ; he had work out of doors and was away a great deal, he lives out of London

and comes up from time to time to attend to a variety of business ; he has to go to my estates very often to do business there, I give him no instructions to do it because he has been with me for 14 years and knows my business in that way.

5688. So that you mean you could not be sure, could you, that a letter would necessarily reach him on the morning, in which in due course of post it should ?—Certainly, the bank holiday came on the following Monday.

5689. As regards Mr. Edwards there was no secrecy whatever between him and you as to this money coming down ?—I told him so.

5690. I did not quite follow you with regard to this cheque for 210*l*. ; it was to provide for the payments made to the returning officer by anticipation, it is a cheque I see given by Mr. Emmerson ?—Quite so.

5691. Is there any reason why that was given to Mr. Emmerson rather than to Mr. Edwards, because Edwards was your agent would not he be the natural man ?—They were both agents, but Mr. Emmerson wrote to me, he living in Sandwich, the polling being taken in Sandwich, and the mayor being in Sandwich, to ask me for money to pay the deposit to the returning officer, and I with my experience have always paid the returning officer before the election, and in consequence I sent to Mr. Emmerson the only cheque which I paid him, or the only money of any sort which I paid him, for 210*l*.

5692. You have told us you did not know that Mr. Emmerson had 200*l*. out of that 1,500*l*. ?—He did not have it till next day, and I did not know that he had it until long since.

5693. He had it on the Friday ?—I think on the Saturday.

5694. He told us on the Friday I think.

(Mr. Holl.) He came down on Friday afternoon ?—I beg your pardon, it was Saturday.

5695. (Mr. Jeune.) If there was one fact which I thought was satisfactorily proved it was that it was on a Friday, because Mr. Edwards gave us a good many reasons why it was on a Friday ?—It was on a Saturday. I asked that it might be sent Friday or Saturday, and I had Mr. Belsey's letter on Friday morning to say it would be sent on Saturday, and I went and told Mr. Edwards it would be sent on Saturday. On Friday afternoon I had Mr. Emmerson's letter asking me for the money to pay the deposit to the returning officer, as I knew and as I had told Mr. Edwards, the money had not come I did not ask Mr. Edwards for it, but I paid Mr. Emmerson 210*l*. in order that he might pay, he being at Sandwich and he being applied to for the money to the returning officer. The money came on Saturday.

5696. It is of no very great consequence, but that is the one thing which Mr. Edwards was quite sure about that it came on the Friday ?—Mr. Edwards is entirely mistaken there.

5697. It is a matter which is entirely unimportant, but it is quite clear that when it came to Sandwich Mr. Emmerson had his 210*l*. at the same time that Mr. Edwards had the remainder ?—I knew nothing about it.

5698. That is all I want to know ?—I only knew it the other day.

5699. (Mr. Holl.) What time of the morning was it when you sent it to Mr. Emmerson ?—I do not think it was in the morning at all, it was late in the afternoon on Friday.

5700. (Mr. Jeune.) I think you have told us that almost directly the election was over you put the management of the affairs into Mr. George Lewis's hands ?—I think the election was on Tuesday, I returned to town with Lady Goldsmid on the Wednesday, by a very early train, and, I believe, it was on Thursday.

5701. So that you made no investigation whatever into the accounts, or how the money had been spent ?—Certainly not ; first of all, I had no time, and secondly, I am totally incapable of doing it, because I am a very bad accountant.

5702. So that you having put the matter into Mr. George Lewis's hands, did not yourself inquire of Mr. Edwards how he had spent that 1,500*l*. or whatever sum he had ?—I wrote nothing to Sandwich or Deal, and have never from that day to this communicated with anybody in either of those two places, except the two notes which I wrote, one to Mr. Edwards and the other to Mr. Emmerson, telling them that Mr. George Lewis had charge of the matter. I do not know whether you have those notes, or have seen them.

5703. Yes, I think we have, or we have heard of them.

(*Mr. Emmerson.*) That letter has been handed in.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) Here is the letter, dated the 13th of May (that would be Thursday) of which the effect is that the whole matter was put into the hands of Mr. George Lewis.

(*Mr. Holl.*) I think it right to say that, with the exception of the names of the gentlemen which Sir Julian Goldsmid, attending the Commission, wrote down, and with the exception of those matters which have been put to Sir Julian Goldsmid, nothing has any bearing really upon this inquiry, and we do not think it necessary to be made public, they are private matters as to which he did not wish to mention names, and so forth, publicly, and they have no bearing really upon the

question of the practices connected with the last election, otherwise they would be made public.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) It must not be supposed, of course, that we have received and not allowed the public to hear any single thing that is relevant to this inquiry. We have been careful to get from Sir Julian Goldsmid anything on these papers which has the least bearing upon this inquiry, so that the whole of his statement and evidence will be before the public, and on the short-hand writers' notes.

(*The witness.*) I asked Mr. Lewis to come down, because I knew nothing about the accounts, and he could state that I gave him instructions to investigate my case and the conduct of my agents, as well as the conduct of the agents on the other side.

GEORGE LEWIS sworn and examined.

(*The witness.*) Sir on the Thursday subsequent to the election, Sir Julian Goldsmid called upon me, and brought with him a list of the public-houses which had been hired by the Conservatives, and a list of the public-houses which had been hired by the Liberals. He also brought with him the papers with reference to the regatta, papers with reference to the hiring of the pier, tickets for free admission, and some other documents, and expressed his desire to petition against the election of Mr. Crompton Roberts. I then made certain inquiry from Sir Julian Goldsmid what his object was to petition, and whether he wished to have the seat. He stated No, that he would not sit for the place under any circumstances, if he sat for life. He had no bad feeling against Mr. Crompton Roberts, but he considered that such gross irregularities and improprieties had been committed down at Sandwich that he was desirous of petitioning with a view of obtaining permission that the whole matter might be investigated, and he also gave me instructions to make as much inquiry as I possibly could with reference to the practices of the Liberals, as also the Conservatives, as he had no desire whatever to conceal anything connected with either his side or the other side, but wished every possible fact collected. I then inquired from Sir Julian how much money he had himself expended in connection with the election; he then told me of the cheques which he had paid, the cheque that Mr. Emmerson had had, two cheques, I think, that he had paid to Mr. Edwards, and that he had further paid to Mr. Edwards a sum of 1,500*l.* He explained to me that the 1,500*l.* had not been paid direct by his cheque, and gave me, in fact, the explanation that he has given to you, that he had no cheques with him, that he had exhausted his cheques, that he had written up, that Mr. Edwards had pressed him for money, and that, Mr. Belsey being on the spot, and Mr. Foord being a gentleman who had paid for him, for many years, large sums of money, he asked Mr. Belsey to ask Mr. Foord to send 1,500*l.*, and of course in any dealing afterwards with Mr. Edwards I always debited him with the sum of 1,500*l.* I think it is only just to Sir Julian to state that he had stated that to me at the time, and between himself and myself it was treated as if it had been a cheque paid by him on account of the election expenses. I then sent clerks down to collect evidence. Sir Julian also informed me that he desired no further communication with reference to the accounts so far as Mr. Emmerson was concerned, for whom he had entertained a very high respect, and as far as Mr. Edwards was concerned, that any communication should be made through me, and that I should take care that no payments were made except such as were properly chargeable against him with reference to the election. I sent clerks and agents down at once, and of course I found the greatest possible difficulty to collect evidence. Neither the Liberal side nor the Conservative side would give the least information with reference to what had gone on, but in the particulars I delivered I think I did manage to get very reliable information with reference to the persons who bribed on the Conservative side, and the persons who received bribes upon the Conservative side, and immediately sufficient evidence had had been obtained Counsel's opinion having been taken, the petition was filed. Sir Julian explained to me from the very first that his object in filing that petition was a public object; that he had no private motive or feeling whatever; that he considered he had been badly treated; that the election had been conducted most improperly and most unfairly; that he was anxious that no other candidate should ever be got down to Sandwich to be treated in a similar way, and that, therefore, he was desirous, in the public interest, of having a Commission. From the first to the very last, I think, he has never

swerved from that motive. I explained to him that it might be attended with very considerable expense, he said he did not care anything about the expense, but that he was determined to have the matter investigated to the utmost. The Petition was filed, with the result, I think, that the Commissioners know. I communicated with Mr. Edwards, and I communicated with Mr. Emmerson, and Mr. Edwards informed me, at an early date, that bribery had been perpetrated on the side of the Liberals, that he had no doubt whatever that bribery had also been perpetrated on the Conservative side. I communicated that fact to Sir Julian, and I believe it was the first intimation that he really had of actual bribery having been perpetrated on his side. Sir Julian then gave me instructions to spare no one, he said, "Let the whole inquiry be as full and as public as it possibly can," and the petition went on. I remember perfectly well that Sir Julian communicated to me the offer which had been made to him by the person he designates by the letter X, which he indignantly refused, he being determined to listen to nothing but an inquiry into the whole matter. The petition was heard, and the result arrived at, that the Commissioners know.

5704. (*Mr. Holl.*) There is just one matter I might ask you; do you remember whether you received from Mr. Outwin a list of the persons?—I did, and I have brought and handed it to your secretary this morning.

5705. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you give in the particulars all the information substantially that you were able to collect, or that you now know of?—I put in the particulars all the information so far as it was permissible for me to do so against the Conservative candidate. Of course it was not permissible for me to put in the Liberal bribery.

5706. "Permissible" is hardly the word for it?—"Permissible" is simply pertinent to the case. The particulars were settled by Counsel.

5707. I am asking for a different purpose. What I want to know is this, do those particulars contain all the information which you can give us with regard to bribery by the Conservatives?—They do.

5708. Since the filing of the particulars did there come to your knowledge any further acts of bribery or treating?—There did not.

5709. So that the particulars tell us all you can tell us?—So far as I know.

5710. So far as the Conservatives are concerned?—Yes.

5711. As regards corrupt practices on the Liberal side, what information can you give us any more than Mr. Edwards's list?—Nothing more but the statement by Mr. Edwards that they had been committed on the Liberal side. I think Mr. Edwards has stated that to the Commissioners.

5712. You know of course how that 1,500*l.* was applied?—Mr. Edwards did not tell me he applied that 1,500*l.* in that way. Mr. Edwards informed me that he had received this 1,500*l.*, but that he had money of his own in hand, that he was considerably out of pocket at the time that 1,500*l.* arrived, and that that repaid him a portion of the money which he had spent.

5713. I was first going to ask you this, besides the money that Sir Julian Goldsmid paid himself, or which was found by Messrs. Ford, do you know of any other money being spent on the Liberal side in this election?—I do not.

5714. You have not heard of any?—I have not heard of any, and I do not believe any other was spent except that Mr. Edwards, upon making up his accounts, contends that he is entitled to a larger sum, taking

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into account not only the money he has spent in bribery, but also in the management of the election generally.

5715. Do you know that Mr. Emmerson had 200*l.* of that 1,500*l.*?—I was not aware of it until I read Mr. Emmerson's evidence.

5716. Here?—Quite so.

5717. So that when you squared accounts, if I may so express it, with Mr. Emmerson by sending him as you did a cheque for 350*l.* you did not then know that he had received 200*l.*?—I did not.

5718. As you have told us, directly after the election was over you knew from Sir Julian Goldsmid that Mr. Edwards had received that 1,500*l.*?—Yes, and I believed, until I heard Mr. Emmerson's evidence, that Mr. Edwards had received the whole of the 1,500*l.*

5719. Did you ask Mr. Edwards to account for that 1,500*l.*?—Certainly.

5720. What account did he give you of the way in which he had spent that 1,500*l.*?—I asked him why in his accounts he had not given Sir Julian credit for 1,500*l.* that he had received, and then he said that money had been expended partly in bribery. He did not seem to wish to talk much about it, but that is what he said. I said at once, "I can recognize nothing of the sort. Sir Julian's object is to have an enquiry into the whole of this matter. If you have chosen to indulge in these practices for the party you must pay for it."

5721. When was it he told you first that this money had been spent in bribery?—I should say, very shortly after my instructions were given to me by Sir Julian, probably within a week or ten days, it might have been a fortnight. It was upon the first occasion that Mr. Edwards came up to me.

5722. Did he tell you how much of the 1,500*l.* had gone in bribery?—No, he did not.

5723. Did he tell you to whom he had paid the 1,500*l.*, or any part of it, for the purposes of bribery?—I think he mentioned the name of Outwin. May I be permitted to state that Mr. Edwards never ear-marked this 1,500*l.* as being spent in bribery at all. Mr. Edwards always informed me that there were, I think, 700*l.* or 800*l.* which he had expended of his own money at the time that he received this 1,500*l.* from Sir Julian Goldsmid, and that then he was in pocket, having paid himself about 700*l.*, which he had to go on with the election. He never ear-marked this 1,500*l.* as being spent in bribery at all; on the contrary he said it was other moneys that were spent in bribery.

5724. Did he not tell you how much he had spent for illegitimate purposes?—No, he did not.

5725. You were settling accounts with him?—Ah! but I have not settled accounts with him. I have refused to recognize his account.

5726. I know, but you settled accounts in this sense, that you refused to pay them?—I have.

5727. What I am driving at is this. You have settled accounts in the sense that you arrived at the conclusion that he ought to have no more money?—Mr. Edwards never put it to me to settle accounts. He was always trying to get me to pay some money on account, either 500*l.*, or something of that sort, and it has never come to a question of really my saying to him, "Put down before me the moneys that you have paid in legal ways, and let me check them." It has never come to that. I said, "I will not pay any illegal payments, and unless you are in a position to show what I have to

"pay I will not do so. It is not the least object whether it is kept back or not, but I decline to pay you unless you can show me the payments which Sir Julian ought legally to make."

5728. This is the letter I think that you wrote?—I have written several letters.

5729. There is one final letter to Mr. Edwards?—I have had one or two interviews with Mr. Edwards since then. I am speaking more of interviews than letters.

5730. There was a letter from you to Mr. Edwards?—I dare say, but I mean I have had two or three interviews.

5731. There was a letter in which you said substantially that he had had quite enough money already for all legitimate purposes, and that you must decline paying him?—Very probably.

5732. At that time had you learned from Mr. Edwards how much he had expended on illegitimate purposes?—The greater part, I think, of Mr. Edwards' account is for illegitimate purposes. I consider those public-houses, I consider the flags, I consider the rope, and all the gigantic charges which were made, illegal purposes, but I separated those from actual, what I call of course, bribery. I have refused to pay the amounts expended, enormous sums, for ropes, flags, and so forth, and I said, "You have had quite enough at present, and I decline to pay any more, unless you can show me that I am bound to pay."

5733. You say that Mr. Edwards never told you what sums he actually expended?—No; he never has. He has given me an account of items, but only items containing this bribery. I have never communicated with Sir Julian about the details of these accounts, because I considered I should pay whatever I thought was right; he left me a sort of general authority, and I have never bothered him about the accounts.

5734. You have given us the list of Mr. Outwin?—I have given you the list. I only came in contact with Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Edwards, and my papers had more reference to the petition than anything else.

5735. Mr. Spofforth has handed us his brief with all the papers on his side. We should like to have all the papers which you have connected with the petition or election in any way whatever?—I will send them to you with pleasure.

5736. (Mr. Holl.) I see you received from Mr. Edwards one account claiming items to the amount of 1,479*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* in respect of Deal expenditure?—Yes.

5737. That does not contain any items for direct bribery?—It does not.

5738. Then there is another account, purporting to be the Walmer account, representing items to the amount of 596*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*?—That contains no bribery.

5739. They would together amount to 2,076*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.* Then you were informed that he had received cheques for 200*l.*, 320*l.*, and 1,500*l.*?—I always treated the 1,500*l.*, not as a payment of 1,300*l.* to Mr. Edwards, and 200*l.* to Mr. Emmerson, but as a payment of 1,500*l.* to Mr. Edwards.

5740. You were under the impression that Mr. Edwards had received altogether 2,000*l.* odd?—I was, until Mr. Emmerson gave his evidence.

5741. And in reply to his application you said you thought he had received enough for all legal purposes?—I did.

5742. When you wrote that letter you had this account sent in?—Yes, I had that account.

(Adjourned for a short time.)

R. Wilds.

ROBERT WILDS sworn and examined.

5743. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A publican.

5744. What is the name of your house?—The "North Star."

5745. Is that in Deal?—Yes, North End.

5746. Did you receive any money from anybody in the course of the election?—I received money from Mr. Olds for the committee room.

5747. How much money?—5*l.*

5748. Is that all the money you received?—No.

5749. You received 5*l.*, what was that for?—That was for the committee room.

5750. Besides that what did you receive?—I received 11*l.*

5751. Any further sum?—4*l.*

5752. What was that for? Let me know all you received—11*l.*, 4*l.*, and what others?—That was for canvassing.

5753. Which was for canvassing, the 11*l.*?—The 11*l.* and the 4*l.*

5754. What did you do with that 11*l.*?—What did I do with it?

5755. Yes?—That was for my own use.

5756. You kept it?—Yes.

5757. You did not apply it, or give it to anybody else?—No.

5758. What did you do with the 4*l.*?—That I kept.

5759. You kept that too?—Yes.

5760. That is 20*l.* you had ; what further sum did you receive ?—I received 90*l.*

5761. Besides that ?—Yes.

5762. All in one sum ?—No, not all in one sum ; all in separate sums.

5763. Can you tell me the sums which make up the 90*l.* ?—I received 90*l.* in one sum.

5764. That is what I asked you, you received 90*l.* in one sum ?—Yes.

5765. Was it distributed amongst the voters ?—Yes.

5766. Did you get that from Mr. Olds ?—Yes.

5767. Have you got a list of the voters among whom you gave it ?—Yes (*handing the same to the Commissioners*).

5768. How many are there here ?—Thirty.

5769. That is 3*l.* each ?—Yes.

5770. Who told you to give the money to the voters ?—Mr. Olds ; I received it for the purpose.

5771. Did you give it to the voters before they voted ?—No, afterwards.

5772. What had you said to them before they voted ?—They all said to me ; I did not say to them.

5773. What did they say to you before they voted ?—They wanted to know if there was going to be any-

thing had for voting. I told them yes, there would be some.

5774. Did you tell them all that ?—Some I might, and some not perhaps.

5775. Did you pay the 3*l.* after they had voted ?—After they had voted.

5776. You told them before they voted that they were to have something ; and you paid the 3*l.* to them after they had voted ?—Yes.

5777. Who were the voters ; were they principally boatmen ?—There is different sorts—different trades—not all boatmen.

5778. Who did you ask them to vote for ?—I did not ask them to vote for anyone ; I saw the way they were inclined to go.

5779. Did you receive anything else beyond that 90*l.* and the 20*l.* ?—Nothing else.

5780. Nothing for yourself ?—Nothing.

5781. Have you made any demand for anything more ?—No.

5782. Has anybody promised you anything more ?—No.

5783. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I see there are 30 of them ; did they get 3*l.* apiece ?—Yes.

5784. All the same ?—Yes.

STEPHEN HOILE sworn and examined.

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5785. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live ?—York Street, Walmer Road.

5786. What are you ?—A Channel pilot.

5787. How much money have you had in connection with this election ?—I received 6*l.* from Mr. Rose after the election.

5788. When ?—About six days after the election as near as I can recollect.

5789. What did he give you that for ?—For being ten or twelve days detained on shore, and my personal expenses during the election.

5790. Was it all for yourself ?—No, I divided that betwixt me and my son.

5791. Is he a voter ?—Yes, that is his only expenses ; I am a true Liberal ; I am never up for sale.

5792. Did you have a talk with Mr. Rose before the election ?—That I should have the expense I would be put to for stopping on shore ; you see it may put me to a great expense being 10 or 12 days, and I may lose a great deal.

5793. He told you before the election that you would have your expenses paid ?—I never am up for sale ; I was born a true Blue, a Liberal, and my father too.

5794. Never mind about how you were born, because you would not know much about that yourself ?—But I am a true Blue.

5795. Before the election you had a talk with Mr. Rose ?—Yes, that my expenses he would pay.

5796. Did he mention what sum you were to have ?—No.

5797. No particular sum ?—No.

5798. After the election was over, he came to you and paid you 3*l.*, did he ?—He gave me 6*l.*, that would be 3*l.* for each, to pay our expenses ; we are both of one mind.

5799. What is your son's Christian name ?—William.

5800. Where does he live ?—I believe he lives in Griffin Street, Deal ; the number I could not tell you.

5801. Just tell your son William that we should like to see him if he will come up tomorrow ?—I believe he is in Dover at the present time.

5802. I should like to know this ; you only wanted to be here on the day of the election ; would you have been away in the ordinary course of business ?—Certainly I should ; I should have stopped and voted by my expenses being paid, because I may lose a great deal when I am stopping on shore.

5803. And you say your expenses would be paid ; what would you lose ?—I cannot say ; I might lose 20*l.* or 30*l.* ; perhaps so I have done.

5804. By going out you lost the chance of getting a ship ?—Yes, my living lies 300 miles from here ; my cruising backwards and forwards. I am from one end of the Channel up to the other from 1847 up to the present day.

5805. How soon did you go out after the election ?—

We went to sea the next day, or the day after, I could not exactly say.

5806. What is your son ?—My son is similar to myself ; he is in the Channel the same.

5807. Is he a pilot, too ?—Yes, you may call him a pilot.

5808. Does he go out by himself as a pilot ?—You cannot go out by yourself ; you have to go with a crew.

5809. Does he go in command of the crew as you do ?—We do not exactly each one command a crew, do you see ; we are all pilots, and take part in this affair.

5810. You are a regular pilot ?—Yes, I am a Channel pilot from 1847 up to the present day.

5811. Is your son the same ?—He has been to sea all the time ; he is not so old as me, hardly.

5812. Does he go out and pilot for himself ?—Yes, he does ; he goes and takes charge of the crew the same as I do.

5813. Separately from you ?—Yes, separately from me ; not in the same crew as me.

5814. Does he go out by himself and take charge of a ship, or does he always, when he goes out, go with you ?—He does not go with me, sir ; he goes in another pilot boat ; we do not both go in one pilot boat.

5815. Is he paid the same for piloting that you are ?—Yes, it is as you may arrange with captains of ships you see in the channel. There is no compulsory fee in the channel, only certain fees for a London pilot, a Trinity pilot, that goes from the Downs to the Isle of Wight, or from the Isle of Wight to the Downs.

5816. Does he make as much as you do ?—I could not say that.

5817. He gets the same sum for his expenses that you do ; does he earn as much ?—My son ?

5818. Yes ?—He does not sometimes ; we are not all through lucky alike : some men will get a bigger tug than others, and some ships are larger than others.

5819. In the course of the year does he make as much as you do ?—Well, he might in some years, and perhaps not so much. I suppose it would be 30*l.* out of my pocket for stopping on shore.

5820. (*Mr. Holl.*) You do not get a ship every day ?—No, I would not want to get one every day.

5821. How many ships do you get in a year ?—A good many.

5822. How many ?—Perhaps I might be aboard of some 14 or 15 a year.

5823. That is a little more than one a month ?—Yes, and I have been aboard a little more than one a month.

5824. It is a very great chance whether you lose 20*l.* or 30*l.* for being away two days ?—Ten days I stopped on shore before the election came off ; perhaps I should have had to stop if it had been 20 days, because I am Blue, do you see ? I am Liberal. Whether I had a penny for my expenses or not, it is probable I should have stopped.

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5825. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you have anything else besides that 6*l.*?—No, that is all I had to do with it; it is just merely a small sum for what I may call refreshments, without anything for the time; that is all I had—3*l.* for myself.

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WILLIAM ROBERT MINTER sworn and examined.

5828. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—The "Drum" inn, Upper Walmer.

5829. Was your house taken for the election?—No.

5830. Did you receive any money in connection with the election?—Yes.

5831. From whom?—From Mr. E. T. Rose, Lower Walmer.

5832. How much did you receive?—Altogether?

5833. Yes; tell us what items there were?—Here you are, sir (*handing account*). I have penned them down for your information so that you might follow them on.

5834. You had the paying of canvassers, watchmen, messengers, and boys?—Yes, the whole. No money was paid in Upper Walmer, only through me.

5835. That is, as far as you know?—As far as I know.

5836. Did you receive this all in one sum or different sums?—I received that all in one sum, and at the bottom you will find the date that I received it.

5837. You received altogether 13*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—No, that is what I paid away. You will see the sum close to it—it was 129*l.*

5838. You received 129*l.* on May 28th, 10 days after the election?—That is right.

5839. And out of that you paid 21*l.* to 21 boys—2*s.* 6*d.* for eight days?—No; I will explain that to you. I could not have the same boys the whole time. They were sons of voters. There were 21 boards going each day; so I put it down 21 boys at 21*l.*; but they did not receive 1*l.* each.

5840. Each day you had 21 boys, and not always the same boys?—Yes.

5841. You paid them 2*s.* 6*d.* a day each?—Yes.

5842. So that each day you paid 21 2*s.* 6*d.*'s.?—Quite right.

5843. And in the eight days you paid 21*l.*?—Yes.

5844. They were, as you said just now, the sons of voters?—The majority of them. There might have been one or two who were not. I was not always in the way when they started.

5845. They were not always sons of voters, but generally so?—Most of them. If I was present to start them they were sons of voters, but there might have been one or two came in otherwise.

5846. You always gave the preference to sons of voters if you were present?—That is so.

5847. But there might have been one or two who got in when you were not there?—Yes, and they were paid.

5848. There were five assistant canvassers, and you paid them 4*l.* a piece?—Yes.

5849. Were they all voters?—No, not all voters; one was my own brother, a single man. He is not a voter. I think I put it to his name.

5850. The other four were voters: Joseph Henry Flower, George Woodcock, Edward Curling, George Clover, and John Minter—they got 4*l.* a piece?—Yes.

5851. What did they do? Did they do much?—They assisted me. Clover is a gardener at the castle; there are several voters there, and I got him to canvass for me. I could not always catch them. Many times I went to one man's house three or four times, and I found I could not command the whole village myself, so I got these to assist me.

5852. You say Clover is a gardener at the castle?—Yes, he is a kitchen gardener.

5853. There were two or three voters there?—Yes.

5854. What he did was to get those two or three voters?—Yes, and assist me in other ways.

5855. Did he do anything more than canvass these three or four voters at the castle?—Yes, he came to me every evening after his work to see if he could do anything.

5856. Did he do anything?—Yes, he did.

5857. What was it?—He called upon several voters for me, and gave me information.

5858. How many do you think he called upon altogether, besides the two or three who worked at the castle?—He might have canvassed 20, but I did not have an account of what he did canvass.

5826. Did you have that to get your refreshments?—That is all I had to get my refreshments.

5827. Did you go into any of the public-houses and get anything to drink?—No, I am not in the habit of that.

5859. Do you think he canvassed 10?—Yes, I think he did more than that.

5860. You gave him 4*l.*?—Yes.

5861. He did not stop away from his work at the castle?—No, he did not stop away from his work at the castle.

5862. Whatever he did was in the evening after his work was over?—Just so.

5863. How many days did he come to you?—I should think about five or six.

5864. He used to come in the evening, after his work was over, for five or six days canvassing the people in Upper Walmer, and he canvassed the two or three people at the castle?—Yes.

5865. He would see them about the grounds of the castle?—They do not all work at the castle. Lord Granville has property widely scattered, and he is a man who knows where they are.

5866. That is all he did?—That is all he did.

5867. What did Joseph Henry Flower, George Woodcock, and Edward Curling do?—They helped me canvass the voters. Lots of the Upper Walmer voters work away, and you cannot catch them at home. I am a man of business myself, and I cannot always be at a certain house at a certain hour, so I got these to assist me, and solicit them for me.

5868. Flower; what is he?—A bootmaker at a shop close by.

5869. He did not stop away from his business, did he?—I think he did. He gave a good portion of his time to it.

5870. Did he stop away two hours, or how long?—I could not tell you to an hour, but I know he was about several hours when he might have been at work; several days.

5871. You gave him 4*l.*?—Yes.

5872. Woodcock; what is he?—Woodcock is a grocer.

5873. He did not leave his business altogether?—Not altogether.

5874. He occasionally left it for an hour or two in the day, just to canvass?—Just so; and bring me reports occasionally.

5875. How many people do you think he canvassed, and how often?—He was the same as me. Many a time he went to a house and did not find them at home. He often canvassed a house two or three times, and gave a great portion of his time during the week.

5876. He got 4*l.*?—Yes.

5877. Curling; what is he?—He is a servant of mine. He was at all calls, whenever I wanted him.

5878. You paid him his wages for this week as usual?—Yes; I paid him his wages.

5879. He got 4*l.* in addition?—He did.

5880. For the week?—For the whole time.

5881. For seven or eight days, or whatever it was?—Yes.

5882. He got that in addition to his regular wages?—Yes. They all spent something out of that.

5883. Your brother; what is he, and what did he do?—He is a single man, staying with me. He was about in the same capacity as the last man, Curling. He superintended all the flags, and done a lot in that way, as well as canvass; in fact, he was at all calls at any time.

5884. They are all voters except your brother, John Minter?—My brother is not a voter.

5885. Now there is night watchmen. I see you employed five:—Charles Pratt, Thomas Goodbourne, Morris Holtum, Stephen Greenstreet, and William Makey, and paid them 2*l.* each. What was that for?—Some of them got cutting the lines of the flagstaffs, and different things; and a little printing we had done got tarred over.

5886. Did they apply to you for this employment?—Yes. I had lots of applications. They are the only parties I employed.

5887. You had lots of applications, and you employed these five?—Yes.

5888. Did they watch in turns?—They were left to make their own arrangements so long as they kept things secure. I could not tell you exactly how they managed it between them.

5889. How long they watched you do not know yourself, but you left it to them to do what they liked?—I left it to them to arrange the best way they could, as long as the flags and poles were not destroyed, and the ropes and lines out.

5890. If the flags and poles were not destroyed, and the ropes and lines cut, you would be satisfied?—I should be satisfied.

5891. Are they all voters?—Not all of them.

5892. Who are voters?—One or two of them. Pratt, Goodbourne, and Greenstreet are voters.

5893. Holtum and Makey?—Neither.

5894. Then messengers. You employed four. How long did they work?—During the whole time.

5895. You paid them only 10s.?—But they were not all the same time. I employed them at different times.

5896. Did you pay them?—I gave each of them about 10s. They done about two days each.

5897. Did they really do anything?—Yes, they ran down to the committee room, Lower Walmer, for any information, bills, &c.

5898. From whom did they go, and who did they go to?—From the committee room at Lower Walmer to Mr. Rose. The committee room was in my house at Upper Walmer.

5899. They went from the committee room at Upper Walmer to Lower Walmer?—Yes.

5900. How far off is that?—About a mile.

5901. How many times did they go there?—Sometimes two or three times a day, and sometimes not more than once.

5902. What are these; are they voters?—They are lads.

5903. Are they sons of voters?—Yes.

5904. I suppose, like the board boys, you gave them the preference?—Quite true.

5905. Are they all sons of voters?—Yes.

5906. How came you to employ them; did the voters come and ask you to employ these boys?—The mothers sometimes, sir.

5907. Do you remember whether the fathers of any of them came and asked you?—No. Some boys came themselves, without father or mother; most likely sent, that I do not know.

5908. The boys came themselves in most instances?—The majority of them.

5909. Sometimes the mothers came and asked you?—Yes.

5910. Flag making 2l. 10s., and four dozen rosettes 1l. 10s. Who was that paid to?—I had little bills of them which I gave to Mr. Rose, and I asked for them the other day, but he said he had orders from Mr. Edwards that they were to be destroyed. They were wives of voters, but put out one or two to each party. They were charged according to the size.

5911. Did they apply to you for the work?—Yes, they applied for the work of making them.

5912. And the same with the rosettes?—Yes.

5913. Were they made by the wives of voters?—Yes.

5914. I suppose you gave them employment because they were wives of voters?—I did.

5915. Rope and line for flags 2l. 10s.?—Yes; I had little bills of that, but it went with the others.

5916. Was that from one tradesman or several?—From two or three.

5917. I suppose they were voters?—Yes, all voters.

5918. Those bills you say are destroyed?—I have got one which I found this morning (*handing account*).

5919. This is a bill for 6l. 10s., for writing flags, painting poles, colour and labour. What did he do really?—He done what the bill represents, writing and painting.

5920. How many flags did he write or paint?—I cannot remember exactly. It might have been about 10 or 11, perhaps, flags. It does not state the number there.

5921. About 10s. or 12s. a flag?—He done other painting, poles and different things, besides that. Then there is the colour and the time separate.

5922. Is he a voter?—Yes.

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5923. Three check clerks, 10s. each?—That was the polling day.

5924. Were they sons of voters or voters?—Yes, all in the borough but one, and I think he lives at a mill which is just out of Walmer, but in the parish of Deal.

5925. They are all voters and sons of voters?—Yes, all sons of voters.

5926. Then there are 21 boards at 2s. 6d. each for the 21 sandwich boys. Who supplied them?—Several; some two or three each.

5927. Distributed them amongst different people?—Amongst the different voters.

5928. (*Mr Jeune.*) Were the sandwich boys boys who made a sandwich of themselves, or boys who lived at Sandwich?—Boys that carried boards.

5929. Boys who made a sandwich of themselves?—Yes.

5930. (*Mr Holl.*) Then I see there is, canvassing out-voters 1l. 10s. What is that?—Some men who live away from Walmer. Since the last election two or three on the list moved away to Ashford, Margate, and there happened to be one at Canterbury, and it was to pay the railway fares to and fro, the expenses incurred.

5931. Expenses incurred to go over to canvass these voters?—Just so.

5932. You made all these various payments?—Paid them all myself, sir.

5933. Did you pay these before you got the money or after you got it from Mr. Rose?—I paid 17l. or 18l. before I had a farthing.

5934. Do you keep a house at Upper Walmer?—I am a fly proprietor and licensed victualler.

5935. What house do you keep at Upper Walmer?—The "Drum Inn."

5936. I see you seem to have paid 20 people, whose Christian and surnames you have given here, and the numbers on the register?—Yes.

5937. You paid them 3l. a piece?—Quite true.

5938. Did you receive this money also from Mr. Rose?—Yes.

5939. All that was to pay voters 3l. apiece for voting for your side?—That is it.

5940. Did you promise them this money before the election?—No, I did not promise them that; I promised I would do my best for them.

5941. You told them you would give them something?—Yes; I told them, I dare say I could do as well as they did on the other side, and if they would only stick to their colour I would do my best for them.

5942. And your best was that you found 3l. a piece?—Yes.

5943. You paid it to them?—I paid it to them.

5944. Can we have the addresses of the people mentioned in this list?—I can give them to you if you call the names.

5945. You can add the addresses, and then hand it in?—Yes.

5946. Did you receive, besides this 129l., 71l. 12s. 6d. of which I think you paid away to the different persons I have mentioned, the board boys, canvassers, watchmen, messengers, and so forth, and 60l. to 20 others, any other money at all in connexion with the election?—Yes.

5947. What was that?—Here is a list (*handing same*).

5948. I see you received before the election 30l. besides the 129l. you received after?—Yes.

5949. You seem to have disbursed that for hire and purchase of 16 poles, 5l.?—Yes.

5950. Who was that paid to?—Different parties.

5951. Were they voters?—Yes, some of them.

5952. Carriage of the same, 10s.; erecting the same, 4l. 10s.; who was that paid to?—To voters principally.

5953. To different persons who were voters?—Yes.

5954. Rope blocks, &c., 3l., was that to voters too?—Yes. I had a little bill of them, but I gave them in, and they were destroyed.

5955. Advertising places—Joseph Walker's shop, 3l. Was that a station that you hired to put your bills up on?—That is it.

5956. And you paid him that amount?—Yes.

5957. What is he?—He is a baker.

5958. Where did you post the bills, on the walls of his house?—In the shop.

5959. The shop window?—Yes.

5960. Anywhere else?—He may have had one or two on his house, I think, as well.

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5961. Do you remember whether he did?—Yes, I think I remember seeing one on the side of his door.
5962. You think there was one on the side of the door, and one or two in the window?—We only sent one at a time, where the different meetings were to be.
5963. You paid him 3*l.* for that?—Yes.
5964. It was a small shop, I suppose?—Yes.
5965. How many days did he have these bills up?—All the time I could get any to put up.
5966. You paid him 10*s.* a day for putting up one bill in the shop and one on the side of the door?—No, we had bills before Sir Julian Goldsmid came into the place.
5967. How long before?—Two or three days. We were undecided for two or three days about a candidate, so that some little bills came out.
5968. But you had bills?—Oh yes, we had bills of different sorts.
5969. Then there is Richard Sutton, garden wall: what is he?—He is a coachman.
5970. To whom?—To Mr. Green.
5971. He let you put a bill upon his master's garden wall?—No, his own. He has a large frontage close to my place. That is where the printing is done.
5972. You paid him 1*l.* 15*s.* for putting a bill up on his wall?—Yes.
5973. Is he a voter?—Yes.
5974. Is Joseph Walker a voter?—Yes.
5975. How many days did he have the bill up on his wall?—The whole time.
5976. Ten days?—Yes, about 10 days.
5977. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How big was the bill?—It was not one bill alone, all the bills.
5978. Was the whole front of his house covered with bills?—No, he has a garden wall, which adjoins the high road.
5979. (*Mr. Holl.*) There were only one or two bills at a time?—That is it. We put a blue border at the top of the wall and at the bottom.
5980. And you allowed him 4*s.* or 5*s.* a day for putting those bills up on his wall?—Yes.
5981. Then colour men, for attending to flags; what is that, these are not the watchmen?—No, some of the flags were taken down of a night and put up of a morning.
5982. Then this 15*s.* each to these three men is for taking the flags down at night and putting them up in the morning again?—Yes.
5983. How long would that take each time?—They were scattered about all over the village. I cannot say how long it would take.
5984. There are three men. It does not take more than one man to take down a flag?—They did not all go at one time.
5985. Does one man attend to all the flags each day?—Yes.
5986. Was this 5*s.* a day for each man?—They had 15*s.* each for the time, and they divided it among themselves.
5987. You had only one man at a time?—Only one man at a time.
5988. Three days each?—I do not know how they done it.
5989. How many days were they employed altogether?—The first flagstaff might have been up, perhaps, about nine days, and then we kept adding to them right up to the day of the election.
5990. There were some flagstaffs up before Sir Julian came down?—No, not in Upper Walmer until after he came.
5991. I understand that this is nothing more than putting a flag up in the morning and taking it down at night?—Yes.
5992. Leaving the poles where they were, of course?—The poles were looked after by the watchmen.
5993. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Labour was divided as much as possible?—As equally as I could manage it.
5994. You cut it up into as many small portions as you could?—I made a great division.
5995. (*Mr. Holl.*) How much did you pay these men a day; was it 5*s.* or 7*s.* 6*d.*?—That is all they received for the whole time.
5996. But how much by the day?—You did not call it by the day, you called it a job; a contract price for the lot.

5997. It is about 6*s.* or 7*s.* a day to each man, is it not?—Oh no, it is only 15*s.* for the whole time.
5998. But it is 15*s.* to three different men?—You mean for the lot?
5999. Yes?—That would be about it.
6000. I suppose you purposely split up this important business into three sections, so that they could have 15*s.* each?—It was done for them to all have a little feeling out of it.
6001. Then there is, committee room 5*l.* What is that for?—That is a committee room for Upper Walmer; that is at the top of the village nearly; mine is at the bottom.
6002. Was it actually used?—They were both used.
6003. How often was this room of Henry Martin's used?—Pretty often he told me. I was not always there.
6004. Was it used for anything else except having a little to drink?—Yes.
6005. What for?—There was a messenger despatched now and then to and fro from there, and there was a little pen and ink kept for sundry purposes.
6006. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where did these messengers go from?—They came from Deal to the Lower Walmer committee room, from the Lower Walmer committee room to my place, and then from my place to the "Cinque Port Volunteer."
6007. (*Mr. Turner.*) Was anybody ever in your place?—Yes.
6008. A committee sitting?—Yes.
6009. (*Mr. Jeune.*) And there was a committee sitting at the "Cinque Port Volunteer"?—Either one or the other. If I was not at home I got one of the others who was assisting there to assist in case any message came.
6010. (*Mr. Holl.*) How far is this "Cinque Port Volunteer" from your place?—Not quite a quarter of a mile; somewhere thereabouts.
6011. What was the use, may I ask you, of having another committee room within a quarter of a mile from your house?—It was done, I should think, to secure the house as much as anything, and the voters.
6012. Then there is, special messenger, James Read, 5*l.* How long was he engaged?—The whole time.
6013. For the eight or nine days?—Yes.
6014. What did he do as a special messenger?—He went to all sorts of places with different messages.
6015. What is the difference between him and an ordinary messenger?—The difference is that the other messengers are only lads; this is a man.
6016. This man had a vote?—He is in a position, perhaps, to get a few more.
6017. To get a few more votes?—Yes.
6018. So that in point of fact this 5*l.* was to secure his vote and his interest with some few others?—Quite true.
6019. This makes altogether 30*l.* Did you receive that also from Mr. Rose?—I received that from Mr. Rose on the Saturday previous to the election.
6020. You paid these people, I suppose, before the election?—I paid none of them, only what I have told you.
6021. Did you pay this 30*l.* away before the election or after?—The 30*l.* was paid before the election.
6022. It was paid on the Saturday?—Yes.
6023. Did you receive any other money besides these two sums of 129*l.* and 30*l.*?—No other money. I received nothing for my own house or anything else.
6024. Have you paid away any other money in connexion with the election?—Yes, I have.
6025. How much?—I paid the fly-drivers at my own house, and I have paid what you see on the bill; something like 5*l.* or 6*l.* I have laid out.
6026. 129*l.* you received, and 131*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* was the amount of that first account; that was 2*l.* odd to the bad?—I paid the fly-drivers.
6027. How much did you pay the fly-drivers?—5*s.* a day.
6028. Have you got the account there?—No, I have not got that, because it is only the money that I received that you have got the account of.
6029. How many days did you pay each of them?—I think the flys were engaged for eight days.
6030. You paid the fly-drivers 5*s.* each a day for eight days, that is 2*l.* each. How many fly-drivers were there?—Three.

6031. That is 6*l.* for the lot. That you have not received?—No.

6032. Were these three men employed at Upper Walmer?—Yes, they are on my own property.

6033. What is the length of Upper Walmer? How far does the place extend—about half a mile?—Yes, about half a mile in length.

6034. What use was made of these three flies every day?—Wherever there was a meeting some voters would like to go to it, and on the day of election they were all engaged in conveying voters to the poll.

6035. But you say there were three men for eight days. Do you mean they went from Lower Walmer to Deal each day?—Yes, to Sandwich sometimes.

6036. And they used these flies for that purpose?—Yes, and if I took a fly myself I charged it when I went on urgent business.

6037. Were these flies really used to any extent?—Yes, they were used pretty well through the time.

6038. That you have not been repaid?—No, nor nothing for my committee room.

6039. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How many voters are there in Upper Walmer, do you think?—Somewhere about 100, I should think. I have not counted them up, but I should think about 100.

6040. There are 300 in Walmer altogether?—I have not counted them up.

6041. All the principal streets and places are in Lower Walmer, are not they?—They have the larger portion in Lower Walmer.

EDWARD REA SWORN and examined.

6054. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

6055. What is your house?—The “Fountain.”

6056. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes, I received 5*l.* for a committee room, and 6*l.* as a canvasser, and 8*1l.* (*handing paper*).

6057. From whom?—Mr. Olds. That is for 27 voters at 3*l.* apiece.

6058. Are their names here?—The names and address are there.

6059. Did you arrange with the voters, before the voting, that they were to have this?—I arranged that I would do the best I could with them for the amount of money. I did not make proper arrangements with them. I told them that what there was to come they should have, and that I would do the best I could for them.

6060. And they voted as far as your knowledge goes? I believe so. There is one man there named Port. I don't know how he voted. He voted for Sandwich.

6061. Are these Conservative voters?—They are as far as I know.

GEORGE PORTER SWORN and examined.

6072. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

6073. What did you receive before this 8*1l.*?—6*l.*

6074. What was that for, canvassing?—Yes.

6075. You are not a publican?—No.

6076. You got 8*1l.*?—Yes, we received the 8*1l.*

6077. Did you see all these 27 voters?—Yes, I saw them all, and I think I could call the names out now.

6078. We do not want the names called out—you saw them all?—Yes.

6079. They promised to vote, and you told them you would get what you could for them?—I did not promise them anything, but I said that they would do what they could for them if they would stick to the colour.

6080. And as far as you know, they did stick to the colour?—Yes.

6081. Upon the morning of the election did you pay them the 3*l.* each?—Yes, some time during the following day, as we saw them.

6082. That was because they had voted?—Yes.

6083. Do you know who you paid?—Yes.

6084. How many of the 27 voters did you pay?—Me and Rea were mostly together.

(*Mr. Rea.*) They were mostly paid in my house.

6085. (*Mr. Turner.*) Were both of you present?—(*The Witness.*) Yes.

6086. Did you pay them before they voted?—Yes.

6087. (*Mr. Holl.*) That was upon the understanding that they would vote for you?—Yes.

6042. Belmont Place is in Lower Walmer?—In Upper Walmer. *W. R. Minter.*

6043. Strand?—In Lower Walmer.

6044. High Street?—In Upper Walmer.

6045. York Street?—That is in Lower Walmer.

6046. Church Street?—Church Street is in Upper Walmer.

6047. Beach?—That is Lower Walmer.

6048. And Castle Street?—Castle Street is Upper Walmer.

6049. You think there were about 100 voters?—Yes. I could not tell you from memory, but somewhere about that number I should think.

6050. Do you think these 100 voters wanted all these canvassers and messengers, and these three committee rooms?—There was plenty on the opposite side had more than I did.

6051. Do you think your canvassers had any occupation in canvassing those voters?—I do not think they worked hard, but I think they were busy without distressing themselves. They done a bit.

6052. Do you not think they had very little to do except to canvass each other?—No, I do not think that. I know different.

6053. But the expenditure was in your judgment, was it not, altogether unnecessary?—Yes, I thought so, but there was no way of getting out of it, you wanted the votes. If you wanted the voters you must pay.

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6062. They promised to vote for the Conservative candidate?—Yes.

6063. Did you pay them all 3*l.* after the election?—I paid them 3*l.* on the morning of the election, before they went to vote.

6064. You had 5*l.*, 6*l.*, and this 8*1l.*?—Yes.

6065. Had you any more money?—No.

6066. No more money?—No more money.

6067. Do you know anything more about the expenses of the election?—No, I never had anything more to do with it. That list was between me and Porter. You will see my name at the top. We canvassed together.

6068. Was the money given to you together?—We were together. I took the money, and Porter was with me when I took it.

6069. Porter is here, I suppose?—Yes.

6070. They were all paid before they voted, as far as you know?—Yes, I think every one.

6071. Can you tell me now who you paid the money to?—Porter is more likely to know than I am, because he knows the names better than I do.

G. Porter.

(*Mr. Rea.*) There is one man mentioned in one of the Liberal accounts who had 3*l.* from me, and another 3*l.* off the Conservatives, and then I have heard it stated that he had 5*l.* off the Liberals. I think he ought to be showed up—he ought to be locked up. That was Port, a voter at Sandwich.

6088. What is he?

(*Mr. Rea.*) He works for a Mr. Foster.

6089. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you give any money to Stephen Huckstep, 14, Jew's Harp Alley?—(*The Witness.*) I did.

6090. What did you give him?—3*l.*

6091. He is not in this list, is he?—I gave him the 3*l.*

6092. On condition that he would vote your side?—Yes; he made a little bother at first, and he says, “All right, I am not going to put any colour on,” and I says, “If you are ashamed of your colour I cannot take your word,” and then he put his colour on and went down in the wagonette, and I went down with him, and others too.

6093. Is there anybody else you paid besides these people in the list and Huckstep?—No.

6094. Are you sure there is nobody else?—I do not know anybody else.

(*Mr. Rea.*) I think there is nobody else—we had no list, and made this out from memory.

(*The Witness.*) I went to Mr. Olds and said with the 6*l.* I received I was out of pocket, and I should like a

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 6095. (*Mr. Turner.*) How were you out of pocket?—On account of my expenses; sometimes I started canvassing and did not get home until 5 or 6 in the evening.
 6096. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did both you and Rea canvass?—Yes.
 6097. You got 6*l.* a piece?—Yes.
 6098. Was it 6*l.* or 10*l.*?—6*l.*

W.H.Hayman.

WILLIAM HENRY HAYMAN sworn and examined.

6103. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am living retired. I kept the "Pier" hotel when the election was on.
 6104. Had you 5*l.*?—Yes, for the committee room, and 6*l.* for the canvassing. There (*handing a paper*) is a list of the money I received from Mr. Olds.
 6105. Did you receive the money from Mr. Olds himself?—Yes.
 6106. Besides that what did you have?—That is all the money I had, 107*l.*; 96*l.* for voters, 6*l.* as canvasser, and 5*l.* committee room.
 6107. Does this contain the list of all the persons to whom you gave money for voting?—Yes.
 6108. With their names and addresses?—Yes.
 6109. There are 32 of them?—Yes, 3*l.* each.
 6110. Did you pay it to them yourself?—Not everyone—three I think Mr. Woodruff paid.
 6111. When did you arrange for them to have the 3*l.*?—Persons called upon me at different times; if I did not see them when I had been to their houses they called up to see me, and told me what the other side were giving, and I said I would give the same, and that was 3*l.*
 6112. If they voted?—Yes.
 6113. Were they persons who you had canvassed?—Yes, everyone.

W. Bullen.

WILLIAM BULLEN sworn and examined.

6123. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you live at the Rope Walk, Walmer?—Yes.
 6124. Did you receive any money?—11*l.*
 6125. Is that all?—Yes, that was all.
 6126. Nothing for canvassing?—No, there was no canvassing.
 6127. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 6128. Is that the whole of what you received in connection with the election?—Yes, the whole.
 6129. What did you do with it?—Kept it.
 6130. Kept it all?—Yes, it was not much to keep as far as that goes.
 6131. You think it was not much to keep; what are you?—A publican.
 6132. What house do you keep?—The "Dolphin Inn."
 6133. Did they have a room at your house?—Yes.
 6134. Did you get any part of this money for that?—5*l.*
 6135. What did you receive the other 6*l.* for?—3*l.* for my vote, and 3*l.* for putting up a pole.
 6136. Where did you put up the pole; was it opposite your house?—Yes.
 6137. Did you put it up yourself?—No, I had six or seven to help me. I did not have much left when I shared it out.
 6138. You got 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.
 6139. When was that paid to you by Mr. Rose?—Mr. Rose never paid me nothing.
 6140. From whom did you get it?—John Mackins.

J. T. Mackins.

JOHN THOMAS MACKINS sworn and examined.

6157. Where do you live?—Walmer Road.
 6158. What do you do?—What do I do? a great many things.
 6159. You know what I mean, what is your employment?—I am a boatman sometimes, and I keep a public-house.
 6160. Why did you not say so at first?—You did not ask me that question.
 6161. Yes, I asked you your employment, and you know what that means; be so good as to answer the

6099. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Have you got any canvass books?—No, everything was destroyed.
 6100. Did you ever have any canvass books given to you?—No, envelopes.
 6101. The clerks gave you the names on an envelope?—Yes, we took out every morning those that we thought we were likely to do any good with.
 6102. (*Mr. Holl.*) As to those that you thought you had any influence with, you took the particulars from the register?—Yes.

6114. Then they came to you, and asked you what you would give?—Yes, telling me what the other side had promised. Many said they would rather vote upon the other side if they could get as much as they could upon the Liberal side.
 6115. It was quite a question of money?—Yes, entirely.
 6116. Did you pay them before or after the poll?—Some before, and some after.
 6117. Who were the three that Mr. Woodruff paid?—I think they were Wellspring, Nash, and Abbott.
 6118. You paid some before, and some after the election?—Yes, some before and some after.
 6119. Had you any other money besides what you have returned here?—No. I gave receipts in for all that money to Mr. Olds.
 6120. Did Mr. Olds give it to you on purpose to use in this way?—Of course he knew how the money was going to be served out.
 6121. He gave it to you before the election?—I think I had it upon the morning of the election, but I would not be positive. I think it was before breakfast that morning.
 6122. You received it before you paid any of the men?—Yes.

6141. Did he pay you the whole 11*l.*, or only 3*l.*?—Mr. Olds paid me the 5*l.*, and Mr. Spears 3*l.*
 6142. Did you get this money from Mr. Olds, or from Mr. Rose?—From Mr. Olds.
 6143. You got 5*l.* from Mr. Olds for your house?—Yes.
 6144. Is your house in Deal?—No, in Walmer.
 6145. From whom did you get the 3*l.*?—30*s.* from Mr. Spears, and 30*s.* from Captain Hesketh.
 6146. For what did you get the 30*s.* from Mr. Spears?—For the pole.
 6147. For what did you get the 30*s.* from Captain Hesketh?—For cordage.
 6148. From whom did you get the 3*l.* for your vote?—John Mackins.
 6149. Who and what is he?—A publican.
 6150. What inn does he keep?—The "Stag" Inn at Walmer.
 6151. Did you get that before you voted or after?—I do not know. I think before.
 6152. You had 3*l.* upon your promise to vote for what side?—I had 3*l.* for my vote.
 6153. For which side did you promise to vote?—I promised to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 6154. I do not ask you for whom did you vote, but you voted?—Yes.
 6155. Did you receive any other money at all from anyone?—No.
 6156. Did you pay any money to anyone?—No, I never had any money to pay with.

questions properly. What is your public-house?—The "Stag" Inn.

6162. How much money have you had in connexion with the election altogether?—29*l.* 15*s.*, I believe; that is within a pound, I think.

6163. From whom did you receive that?—I received 6*l.* from Mr. Olds for canvassing, and 21*l.* to distribute amongst voters.

6164. What was the other 3*l.* 15*s.*?—I paid 3*l.* 15*s.* to George Jenner.

6165. What did you pay that to him for?—I used to come down to the committee room frequently, and he called me on one side and said, "I have got a little bill here," and I said, "What is it," and he said, "Mr. Kynaston, my master, ordered three poles to be put up, and here is the bill." I said I would take it down. He said, "Can I get the money," and I said, "Yes, you can get the money," and I went and got the money. I do not know whether it was Mr. Hughes or Mr. Thomas paid me, but one of them paid me the 3*l.* 15*s.*, and I gave that to Jenner when I came out, but what he did with it afterwards I do not know.

6166. From whom did you get the 21*l.*?—From Mr. Olds.

6167. To whom did you give it?—I gave it to seven different people. They used to come up to my house frequently to hoist the flag and take it down at night, because I was not always at home to do it.

6168. You say you paid it to these seven men, what was it for?—They used to come up and lend a hand. There were about 60 flags at my house on boats and poles, and they had to be taken down at night and put up in the morning, and they used to lend a hand in that.

6169. Who are these seven men?—Here (*producing a paper*) is a list of them.

6170. Can you give their addresses?—I do not know their address.

6171. You know where they live, do you not?—I know where three or four of them live.

6172. George Jenner, where does he live?—6, Castalia Villas.

6173. John Cave?—Canada Place.

6174. Edward Coleman?—Cemetery Road, Deal.

DAVID AXON sworn and examined.

6188. (*Mr. Turner.*) You are a publican?—Yes.

6189. The "Army and Navy" Inn?—Yes.

6190. What did you receive?—23*l.* 10*s.*

6191. From whom?—Mr. Rose.

6192. How did you apply that?—Amongst the treating, generally.

6193. Anything for yourself?—2*l.* 10*s.* for canvassing, and 21*l.* for voters; here is a list (*handing a paper*).

6194. To whom did you give this list?—I did not give it to anyone.

6195. You have made it out to show how you spent the money?—Yes.

6196. What did you say to these men when you gave them the 3*l.*?—I had promised them beforehand that I

6175. John Poil, where does he live?—York Street.

6176. William Moss?—He lives in the Strand, I think.

6177. Francis Goss?—Canada Road.

6178. What do you say you gave these men this money for?—They used to come up and lend a hand. I gave them each upon the day of the election 3*l.*, and that was the 21*l.* which I had given to me.

6179. Did you give it to them before they voted?—Yes, before they voted.

6180. Did you agree with them to give them 3*l.*?—No, not beforehand.

6181. Did you make any arrangement with them at all?—They used to come to lend a hand, and one thing and another, and I told them they would be paid by-and-bye. I went to Mr. Olds and said there were these people who used to lend me a hand, because I could not do the work myself, and he said he could pay them, and he gave me the day before the election 21*l.*, and I paid them 3*l.* each.

6182. They are all voters, I suppose?—Yes.

6183. And they all voted as far as you know?—Yes.

6184. That is to say, you expected they would?—I never looked after them. I paid them the money, and that is all I know.

6185. You gave them the 3*l.* for their vote, did you not?—Well, I suppose so.

6186. That is about it, is it not?—They used to come and lend a hand. People cannot work for nothing, can they?

6187. You expected them to vote for you?—I expected them to do so, but I do not know whether they did so or not.

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would see what I could get for them, and after the election was over I paid them 3*l.*

6197. You paid them after the election?—Yes, about 12 days after the election.

6198. They said they had voted as you wished?—As the ballot goes, you do not know how they vote, you see.

6199. What did they say about their vote?—They said they had voted, and I had every reason to believe they had.

6200. Before the election, did they tell you they would vote as you wished them to vote, upon your promising to do what you could for them?—Yes.

6201. That is, to vote for the Liberal candidate?—Yes.

6202. Have you received any more money?—No; nothing.

HENRY MARSH sworn and examined.

6203. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.

6204. Where do you live?—150, Beach Street, Deal.

6205. Did you receive any money?—Yes, I received 150*l.* from Mr. Warner.

6206. What for?—For our votes; here is a list (*handing a paper*).

6207. Did you distribute that 150*l.* amongst other people?—Yes; the whole body received it, one after the other.

6208. For whom were you to vote for this money?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.

6209. It was to vote for the Liberal side?—Yes.

6210. How many were there?—41; it is all there in the list.

6211. How much did you pay them each?—3*l.* 13*s.* We all received it almost together.

6212. Did you distribute to each of these persons 3*l.* 13*s.*?—Yes. The 150*l.* was put on the table two days after the election, and every one of us took his equal part. There is another list with a cross against the name of each person as the money was received.

6213. Was 3*l.* 13*s.* an equal division of the money?—Yes, there was one too many; it made 3*l.* 13*s.*

6214. Did each of you have 3*l.* 13*s.*?—Yes, every one; here (*handing a paper*) is the list with a cross to each name.

6215. When was this money paid, after the election or before?—It was paid to us the very day the election came off, and the next two days it was shared.

6216. You had the money the day of the election from Mr. Warner?—Yes.

6217. Was that before you voted?—Yes; and we shared it two days afterwards.

6218. I suppose you did all vote?—Yes.

(*Mr. Lambert.*) Excuse me, but there have been two shares in that money. There are two crosses, one for 3*l.* 10*s.*, and then 3*s.* apiece afterwards.

6219. You got 3*l.* 13*s.*?—(*Mr. Lambert.*) Yes.

6220. As the money was taken up off the table, the man could put a cross against his name?—(*Mr. Lambert.*) No; as the money was taken off the table I put the cross.

6221. (*To the witness.*) Did you receive any more money than that?—No, not a farthing.

6222. Or pay any more?—No, not a farthing to no one.

WILLIAM WATTS sworn and examined.

6223. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

6224. What house do you keep?—The "Railway Inn," Deal.

6225. Did you receive any money?—50*l.*, and 25*l.*

6226. From whom did you receive the 50*l.*?—Mr. Outwin.

6227. What did you do with that?—I divided it

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amongst the people in this list (*handing a paper*); and there were other expenses.

6228. Who did you get the 25*l.* from?—Mr. Cornwell.

6229. That is 75*l.* altogether?—Yes.

6230. You paid 18 persons, whose names are given here, 3*l.* a-piece?—Yes.

6231. Was that for their votes?—Yes.

6232. To vote for the Liberal candidate?—Yes.

6233. Did you promise them that before they voted?—I promised them that I would do what I could for them.

6234. And after they had voted you paid them?—Yes.

6235. Did you pay them after they had voted?—Yes, not before they had voted.

6236. That is 54*l.*; then hire of committee room at your house, 5*l.*?—Yes.

6237. And refreshments supplied, 2*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; who were they supplied to?—To various people that came in. Several would come in, who were not voters at all, upon a day.

6238. Was this upon the election day?—For several days before the election, perhaps three or four shillings every day.

6239. Did anybody instruct you, or authorise you to supply refreshments to any person that came for them?—Yes, Mr. Outwin said I might supply them to a small amount; not to any great extent; not to run a heavy bill.

6240. He said you might supply refreshments to anybody who asked, if they were Liberals?—Yes. You cannot always tell who people are, and perhaps they might change their minds if you gave them a little refreshment.

6241. (*Mr. Jeune.*) The refreshment might have an effect upon them?—Sometimes it does; and we were a long march behind as well.

6242. You rather hoped the refreshments would?—The fact is, we had to throw a good bait, and then they would not take the hook, or some of them.

6243. You kept on throwing out the bait?—Yes, kept putting it out.

6244. I suppose some of them would have a little refreshment on each side?—Yes.

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FREDERICK WARNER sworn and examined.

6259. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A Trinity House pilot.

6260. Where do you live?—Wellington road.

6261. Did you receive any money in connection with this election?—Yes; I received first the 150*l.* which I gave to Lambert and Marsh, and which has been accounted for just now; and two 25*l.*, one from Mr. Outwin and one from Mr. Cornwell.

6262. From whom did you receive the 150*l.* which you paid to Marsh?—Mr. Outwin.

6263. That was for Marsh to distribute amongst voters, to vote for the Liberal side?—Yes.

6264. Who is Lambert?—A boatman.

6265. Did you receive any of the money?—I received another 25*l.*, but I gave that back again.

6266. Was that from Mr. Outwin?—Yes.

6267. Is that all the money you received?—Yes; all I kept was two 25*l.*; one from Mr. Outwin, and another 25*l.* from Mr. Cornwell; he has not credited me with the other 25*l.*

6268. You received 150*l.* from Outwin, which you gave to Marsh?—Yes.

6269. Then you received another 25*l.*, which you returned to him?—I received two 25*l.* from Mr. Outwin.

6270. Besides the 150*l.*?—Yes.

6271. One you returned and one you spent?—Yes.

6272. What did you do with the one you kept?—I kept no account of it at the time, but this is as near as I can get it (*handing a paper*).

6273. I see Young, who is he?—A signalman.

6274. He had 6*l.*, what was that for?—To do the best he could for the cause.

6275. Was it for his own vote, or to try and get others to vote?—He could take part of it himself, and do the best he could with the other.

6276. He was to distribute it amongst other people, to vote for the Liberal side?—Yes.

6277. Where does Young live?—It is the only name of that sort that is in the register.

6245. Besides that, you spent on treating during the canvass 8*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*?—That is right.

6246. Was that in treating people you went round to, or for treating people that you supplied at your house?—No; entirely away from my house.

6247. Was that drink that you gave to people when you went round canvassing?—Yes. I was repeatedly out from morning to night, and even late at night sometimes.

6248. Where did you get the drink from that you supplied to these people whilst canvassing?—At various houses.

6249. You took them to the nearest house?—Yes; sometimes we would find an opponent there, and we would have a strong contest to see who could do the most.

6250. You met some of the other side there sometimes?—Yes; and we could not do less than retaliate.

6251. Did you see such a thing, because we have it that there was not much treating upon the other side; did you see it?—Yes, many times during the day. I was canvassing, and each would try to get hold of a man, and some would be non-voters.

6252. You paid away that sum in treating the different people at different houses during the time you were canvassing?—Yes.

6253. Then there are your own personal expenses and time during the canvass, 5*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes; that is right.

6254. Did you keep any account of what you spent in treating people at different times?—No; I really did not; in fact, I did not think I had spent quite so much, only I knew what I had spent by what I had got left.

6255. You did not keep any account of what you spent when you went round?—No.

6256. How did you arrive at the 8*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*?—I had got 5*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* left of the other money, and I took no other money.

6257. You found at the end that you had 5*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* left?—Yes.

6258. Then you spent it all in paying these men?—Yes; and I should not have spent quite so much if I thought I should not get any more, because my time was worth 10*l.*, and I really would not have another week like that for 20*l.*

6278. Do you say he is a signalman?—Yes.

6279. Do you know his Christian name?—No.

6280. Does he live in Deal?—Yes; at the North End, somewhere.

6281. Then William Rose?—Yes, he is a town porter, and it is the only name of the kind in Deal, I think.

6282. Do you know where he lives?—No.

6283. St. Andrew's Road, is it?—Yes, out that way.

6284. Did you give him 3*l.*?—Yes, for his vote.

6285. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

6286. Then Henry Bailey, what is he?—A boatman. I gave him 3*l.* to do the best he could with; it was not for himself.

6287. Do you know where he lives?—Jew's Harp Lane.

6288. (*Mr Jeune.*) I suppose he did the best he could with it by keeping it for himself?—No, I think not.

6289. Is he a voter?—Yes.

6290. Was it not given to him for himself?—No, it was not.

6291. S. Fyles, Durham Place, what is he?—A carpenter.

6292. You gave him 3*l.*?—Yes.

6293. What was he to do with that?—He was to vote for the Liberals.

6294. That was for his own vote?—Yes.

6295. Was he to keep that or to distribute it?—To keep it. Those two men were introduced to me. I did not know them before, but it appears that they had money out of two others besides, so that they got well paid.

6296. They were sharp files. Then, paid for refreshments, 7*l.*?—That included all the time I was canvassing. I kept no account of what was spent.

6297. Then there is, relieving some poor persons, and expenses?—That was by the order of Sir Julian; that was to go round and see a sick man—see what he wanted, and give him nourishment, wine, beef, and mutton; that was Sir Julian's order.

6298. Sir Julian's order to you?—Mr. Cornwell's, and Mr. Cornwell gave it to me.

6299. Mr. Cornwell gave you instructions?—Yes.

6300. Does this mean one man?—Yes.

6301. You were to give him wine?—Yes, and nourishment.

6302. What did you give him?—I gave him at the time a bottle of wine, a joint of mutton, and some beef for beef-tea, and a packet of arrowroot.

6303. Who was he?—A man of the name of Adams.

6304. Where does he live?—In Middle Street.

6305. Was he sick?—Yes, he was sick.

6306. Was he a voter?—Yes, he was a voter.

6307. Did he vote?—Yes, I believe he did vote.

6308. He was not so sick that he could not vote; this man really was ill at the time?—Yes, he had been very ill, and he was beginning then to get about again.

6309. When you gave him this did you give it as a condition of his voting?—No, I was told it was Sir Julian's wish that some one should call round and see him.

6310. You made no condition of his vote?—No, not at all; he had already promised to vote for the Liberals, but not to me.

6311. No condition was made of his voting upon the Liberal side?—No.

6312. Do you know for a certainty that he voted?—No, I do not.

6313. You do not know that he voted at all?—No. I do not know beyond that his name was crossed off as having gone into the polling booth, but whether he voted, or who he voted for, I do not know at all.

6314. You know he did give a vote?—He was crossed off as having gone into the polling booth in the committee rooms, they were all crossed off as having entered the polling booth.

6315. You do not know that he went to the polling

booth?—I only know by his name being crossed off as having gone.

6316. Was it Jack Adams?—Yes.

6317. (*Mr. Holl.*) You say that this man had promised before?—He had promised another party to vote for the Liberals.

6318. No condition was made with him as to his voting?—No, not with me.

6319. Then there is another sum?—That is my expenses going to Dover.

6320. I see "Expense of joining the cutter at Dover"?—Yes, that is all I received.

6321. And all you paid?—That I will not say at all, I do not remember any more.

6322. I see you have got in hand 25*l.*, did you return it to Outwin?—I have not returned it, up till now no account has been asked for.

6323. I thought you said you returned 25*l.*?—One 25*l.* out of the 75*l.* I received two 25*l.* from Mr. Outwin, one I kept, and the other I returned the day after the election. With regard to the other 25*l.* that I received from Mr. Cornwell, that I had had at an early part of the election.

6324. You had 50*l.* from Outwin and 25*l.* from Cornwell?—That is the money I received.

6325. What did you do with the other 25*l.*?—I gave it back to Mr. Outwin the day after the election, one 25*l.* is not gone at all yet.

6326. Have you got that 25*l.*?—Yes, I have.

6327. That you have done nothing with?—No.

6328. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you going to do with it?—I shall have to give an account of it.

6329. Have you spent any of it?—I should say that I spent 30*l.* out of the 50*l.*, but I can only make it 25*l.*

6330. The other 20*l.* you have in hand?—Yes. I must add the 5*l.* to it if it is wanted, if Sir Julian wants it.

JAMES MCCARTHY CHITTENDEN SWORN and examined.

6331. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

6332. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes.

6333. How much?—27*l.*

6334. From whom?—From Mr. Outwin.

6335. What did you do with it?—I gave it to certain parties that were voters; 3*l.* each, here is the list (*handing a paper*).

6336. I see there were nine of them?—Yes, there were nine, but four of them did not take the 3*l.*

6337. There are five that you gave 3*l.* each for their votes?—Yes.

6338. Had they promised to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

6339. If you would give them something?—Yes.

6340. Did you tell them at the time what you would give them?—Yes.

6341. Did you tell them you would give them 3*l.* a-piece if they would vote for the Liberals?—They promised me.

6342. When did you pay this money to them, before or after the election?—Before the election.

6343. Do you know whether they voted?—I suppose they voted for the Liberals.

6344. At all events you promised them 3*l.* if they would vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

6345. Then comes an item of sundry expenses and time, 12*l.*?—I had the promise of nine votes, and four of them would not take the money, and 12*l.* I charge for my time and expense.

6346. As they did not take it you did?—Yes; I expended this money.

6347. Did you expend the 12*l.*?—I had some of it myself, but I was at great expense going about to different places.

6348. So if they had all taken the 3*l.* you would have had nothing at all?—Not a half-penny.

6349. It was not given for you to keep yourself?—No.

6350. It was given to you to give to these men?—They would not take it. I believe they were offered more money upon the other side.

6351. Have they told you so?—No, they did not say so, but I judged so.

6352. Can you give me the names of those four?—I could get you the names, but I have not got them with me now. I left it to one man, John Beany, to get these four.

6353. How did you make up the 12*l.* with regard to your own expenses?—Going about at different times. I spent it in different ways, giving refreshments at different times.

6354. Giving who refreshments?—Several parties, and looking at them.

6355. You were not a canvasser?—I was a canvasser for over a week.

6356. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You gave yourself refreshments sometimes?—Sometimes I might have a trifle, but it is not much refreshment I take.

6357. (*Mr. Turner.*) In how many days did you spend this 12*l.*?—I began about the third day after Mr. Crompton Roberts appeared upon the scene.

6358. From then up to the date of the election?—Yes. I was in the midst of four public-houses, and I was surrounded with Tory flags, and being a Liberal I thought I could do a little myself, because I was chaffed every time I went out. I thought I would do a little as well as they did, and I thought I was doing right.

6359. What was the little you thought you would do?—I thought I would try and do as much for Sir Julian as I could.

6360. So you kept the 12*l.*?—Yes.

6361. Have you rendered an account of this?—It would be impossible to do that, because I kept no account.

6362. Mr. Outwin thought you had spent the 27*l.* upon the voters?—That is what it was given to me for.

6363. I dare say he thinks to this day that you did so expend it?—I cannot say what he thinks, I am sure.

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JOHN MARSH BROWN sworn and examined.

6364. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you prepare some canvass books for the Liberal Association?—Yes, six.

6365. Who gave you the order?—Mr. Cottew asked me to do them, and I also prepared a large book for the committee. It was a copy of the register, with corrections of the list of voters and freemen.

6366. Did you do anything else?—No.

6367. Did you prepare any other books at all?—I prepared and finished six canvassing books, and a large book for the use of the committee.

6368. That is all?—Yes.

6369. Did you send in a bill for that?—Yes, 4*l.*

6370. 4*l.* for the whole?—That was for all I did.

6371. Is that the only bill you sent in?—Yes, the only bill I sent in.

6372. Was what you did besides preparing the canvass books to make out the strike lists?—I do not know what you call the strike lists. I made six canvassing books. The town of Deal is divided into two wards, and I prepared three for the North ward and three for the South ward, for the use of the canvassers who might be engaged to solicit votes for Sir Julian.

6373. And you sent in a bill, for that, for 4*l.*?—Yes.

6374. There is another charge for making strike lists for the committee; did you do that?—No.

6375. The bill you sent in was 4*l.*?—Yes; and I am charged in the newspapers with having sent in a bill for 14*l.*

6376. If a claim has been made in the list of claims sent in against Sir Julian Goldsmid for 14*l.*, you know nothing about it?—No.

6377. You did not claim more than 4*l.*?—No. I used to have 2*l.* for making the canvassing books till the franchise was extended.

6378. It is not the fact that 14*l.* was the usual charge?—No. 2*l.* I used to have for making the books till the franchise was extended, and there being so many more in the list of voters 4*l.* is not too much. It took me and an assistant a week to do it; there were a great many corrections to make, and not only that, I had to put the different voters as they lived, so that the canvassers could go from one to the other and not run all over the place.

6379. Do you live at 52, High Street, Deal?—Yes.

6380. Tell me if that is your account (*handing a paper*)?—No.

6381. (*Mr. Turner.*) Whose writing is that, do you know?—I cannot say.

6382. (*Mr. Jeune.*) It is not your initial; but 52, High Street, is your address?—That is from my son, Walter Penfield Brown.

6383. He sent that in?—It is the first time I have seen it; my account was 4*l.*, and I went down and told Mr. Hammond so.

6384. Is this in your son's handwriting?—It seems to me so.

6385. To arranging names of voters from Parliamentary register, making out six canvass books, fair copy of register of voters; that is what you did do?—Yes, that is what was done.

6386. And the charge is 14*l.*?—I know nothing about that.

6387. Is your son your partner?—No, he is a schoolmaster.

6388. Did he help you to do this work?—Yes.

6389. Did you send in a separate bill?—Yes, I sent in a bill for 4*l.*

6390. To whom did you send it?—To Mr. Edwards's office.

6391. At what time did you send in the bill?—Shortly after the election; I do not know the date.

6392. You have no copy of it?—No.

6393. Did your son do anything separate; would he have to send in a bill?—No, I think not; that was all that was done at my house. The large book was for the use of the committee.

6394. "To arranging names of voters from parliamentary register"; that you did, I suppose, in order to make out the canvassing books?—Yes, we arranged them in sheets first.

6395. That would be preliminary to making out the canvass books?—It was a separate affair; we did them

on sheets first in order to make six corrected canvassing books.

6396. Did you make any separate charge for that?—No.

6397. Was that included in the charge of 4*l.* for making out the canvassing books?—Yes, making out the canvassing books, and making a fair copy of the register of voters.

6398. What you did with the sheets was included in the charge of 4*l.* for making canvassing books?—Yes.

6399. I cannot tell, but if this bill was made out by your son the fault does not seem to lie with Mr. Edwards. Is your son here?—No.

6400. This is his writing?—It looks to be his writing.

6401. (*Mr. Holl.*) Was the bill that you sent in made out by your son; look at it carefully, and tell me whether that may be the bill you sent in?—No, because there can be no mistake about my handwriting; everybody knows it, and it is nothing like mine.

6402. Was the bill that you sent in in your own handwriting, or was it made out by your son in his handwriting?—I do not know anything about this. I went down, and told young Mr. Hammond that my account would be 4*l.*

6403. Who is he?—A clerk at Mr. Edwards's office.

6404. Did you send in any bill yourself?—I will not swear that I did make it out on paper, but I told him what it would be, 4*l.* I am not quite certain, but I think I left a bill for 4*l.*

6405. I want you to think carefully, and see whether you can remember that you ever left any bill, or whether you sent in your own handwriting any bill?—I would not swear I did, but I told them it would be 4*l.*

6406. What is your son?—He is at Sutton, in Surrey, a schoolmaster.

6407. Try again and remember?—I know nothing about that account.

6408. I want you to try and remember whether you ever yourself sent in any bill in writing?—I would not swear I sent a bill in, but I know that I told Mr. Hammond that this must be rather more than the other, because there was more work, and that it would be 4*l.*, but whether I left a bill in my own handwriting I would not say.

6409. May your son have sent in the bill on your account afterwards?—He would not have done that, I should think, without saying so to me.

6410. You do not remember whether he ever told you?—Before he left he said there would be 4*l.* to come from the committee of Sir Julian Goldsmid.

6411. Look at that bill again carefully?—I have looked at it, and I know nothing about it.

6412. You say your son told you before he left that there was 4*l.* to come?—Yes.

6413. Not 14?—No.

6414. That you are certain of?—Yes; I may say, if you do not object to the statement, that Mr. Cottew gave me instructions to make six canvass books, and I said, "Well, I am very busy just now, and I can hardly afford the time, but as my son is at home he can assist me; I will prepare them." I prepared the North ward, and took the three books so prepared down to the office, and when I got there I saw that Mr. Edwards's clerks were preparing the South ward, and I said, "Are you preparing the canvass books?" and they said, "Yes, we are in a great hurry for them, and Mr. Edwards thought you would not get them done soon enough, and we have been up all the night." I said, "I think you had better leave them with me; I shall do them quicker; your time is precious; I think you had better let me make the books out." Mr. Edwards came in at the time, and he said, "I think so too; take the books away." The young men were grumbling about being up all night, and it bothered them, as they did not know where the people lived so well as I did. What has annoyed me is that a report should go forward that I had an account of 14*l.*

6415. 14*l.* is the bill in respect of the canvass books and fair copy of the register, and then there is making out the strike lists, 10*l.* I do not know whose mistake it was, but it was supposed that that was also a charge of yours; did you make out the strike lists?—No, only the large book and the six canvass books. I am told that Mr. Goymer made out the strike lists.

6416. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You say you were employed before to make out the canvassing books?—Yes.

6417. In 1874 were you so employed?—About that time.

6418. What did you get for it then?—Was that after the extension of the franchise?

6419. Yes?—It would be about 4*l.* I used to get 2*l.* before.

6420. Is that your bill for 1874 (*handing a paper*)?—Yes, that is my handwriting.

6421. 5*l.* you got then?—Yes, but there was something else done.

6422. Be so good as to write to your son by this

evening's post, and ask him whether he sent any bill to Sir Julian Goldsmid's committee for making out canvassing books and fair copy of register of voters, and whether he charged for that 4*l.* or 14*l.*, and let us know the answer?—Yes, you shall see his letter.

6423. I think it right to say that, as far as we are concerned, we think, at any rate, you have entirely exonerated yourself from any suggestion that you charged 14*l.*?—I could not make those books for less than 4*l.*

6424. We think you have entirely exonerated yourself from any imputation that you have charged 14*l.*, and my brother Commissioners, I think, agree with me that 4*l.* was a very moderate and fair charge?—I am obliged to you; I could not make those books for less.

J. M. Brown.

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VALENTINE MYHILL sworn and examined.

V. Myhill.

6426. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A Cinque Port Trinity pilot.

6426. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes.

6427. How much?—15*l.* from Mr. Olds, for voting purposes.

6428. What did you do with it?—I passed it over to voters, and I have handed in a list to the secretary.

6429. That would be for five voters, according to the scale we have heard of?—Yes.

6430. Did you see them before you paid the money; of course you did?—Yes.

6431. Did they promise to vote for the Liberals?—No, for the Conservatives.

6432. Did you say you would give them something if they would vote for the Conservatives, or how did it come about?—I told them, if they voted upon the Conservative side, after the election they should receive 3*l.*

6433. You said 3*l.* expressly?—Yes.

6434. When did you pay them?—After they had voted.

6435. Did you receive any other money?—I received 6*l.* for canvassing.

6436. Nothing more?—No.

6437. Had you anything to do with the regatta?—Yes, I was asked to be one of the committee of the regatta.

6438. Were you?—Yes, whilst I was at home. I was a bird of passage, sometimes afloat and sometimes ashore.

6439. We heard that the regatta did not come off?—No, through bad weather.

6440. The boat that was rowed up and down, had you anything to do with it?—No.

6441. Did you receive any money on account of the regatta?—On the committee we received 22*l.*

6442. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Hughes.

6443. What did you do with that money?—That was held in trust by the committee.

6444. They have got it still?—Yes, and we hope on Whit-Monday or Whit-Tuesday that you will see the best regatta we have had in Deal.

6445. Next year you mean?—Yes.

6446. Who has got the money?—The committee.

6447. In whose desk or pocket is it?—It is between the six. We have had to pay for people that had to get the boats in readiness; the whole 22*l.* is not left.

6448. How much is left?—I have not balanced with the parties. I never thought that this had anything to do with the election.

6449. Cannot you say how much is left?—I can tell you to-morrow.

6450. To whom did you make the payments?—Different parties, treating them, and for getting their boats ready, and one thing and another; telling them to get their boats in readiness. They got no day's work for it, because the regatta did not come off; and if it had come off they would have their day's pay.

6451. Cannot you say how much you spent that way of the 22*l.*?—Not at the moment, but I can to-morrow, very soon.

6452. Cannot you tell me who has got the balance?—Each one of the six had a division, to go and look after the boats. Mr. Makins, of Walmer Road, had to look after the south end and lay the boats down.

6453. How much have you got?—I suppose about 2*l.* 10*s.*

6454. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did each of the six have 3*l.* 10*s.* originally?—Yes, to defray expenses.

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6455. What expenses?—The ropes and the buoy boats.

6456. Who will you undertake to say you paid anything on account of expenses?—Different people, some from Walmer Road.

6457. Tell me one or two of them; who are the six men who had the 3*l.* 10*s.* each?—Mr. Spears.

6458. Who else?—George Porter.

6459. Who else?—Makins, from the "Stag" at Walmer.

6460. Who else?—Edward Griggs.

6461. They each had 3*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, but I do not know what they did with it, more than that they had it; it was to carry on the regatta.

6462. Can you undertake to say that either of them paid anything to anybody?—I am not answerable for them.

6463. Will you tell us anybody to whom you paid anything yourself out of your 3*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

6464. Who was it?—A man of the name of Bailey.

6465. What did you give him?—I gave him 10*s.*

6466. What for?—For his services, going about.

6467. What services?—Getting his boat ready, a buoy boat.

6468. The regatta did not come off; was any day fixed for it?—As far as my recollection serves me, I think it was Whit Monday or Whit Tuesday.

6469. Was any day fixed?—I cannot challenge my memory now, but it was near Whitsuntide anyway.

6470. When did he get his boat ready, and what did he do?—He could not get it ready, because it was blowing a gale of wind at the time.

6471. Then he did not get his boat ready, as you said he did just now?—He had his boat ready, but the weather stopped him and the regatta too.

6472. When do you say he got his boat ready?—The day before, I suppose.

6473. Upon the Saturday?—Probably so.

6474. What do you call getting his boat ready?—It had to be taken off and anchored in different positions, where the boats sail and go round.

6475. What did he have to do to get it ready; there was the boat?—He must have the mast and flag up for the buoy boat.

6476. But there would be a mast in it before?—No, not such a mast as they use in buoy boats. The masts that they use in those boats are not so tall as they are in the usual way.

6477. Is there anything else that you paid?—Nothing whatever.

6478. So you have got 3*l.*?—On trust.

6479. (*Mr. Turner.*) I understood you to say 2*l.* 10*s.* just now. I suppose you have not thought much about the trust. Are you six men the regatta committee?—We were appointed at that time.

6480. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did your names appear on the card that was sent out?—I believe they were published.

6481. Who appointed you committeemen?—I was asked, walking through the streets, whether I would be one of the committeemen.

6482. Who asked you?—I do not know who it was, but someone asked me.

6483. Who appointed the other people?—I am not answerable for that.

6484. Are you quite sure they did not appoint themselves?—I do not know.

6485. Do not you think they did?—It may be.

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V. Myhill.

6486. Did you appoint them?—No.

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6487. Did you give them the money?—I gave them a portion of the money to carry it on, of course.

6488. How did you know to whom to give it?—To those who were appointed to be on the committee.

6489. Who appointed them, do you know? How did you know to whom to give the money? How did you know that you were to give it to Spears, Porter, Makins,

and Grigg?—Because we decided ourselves upon the Esplanade that we would form the committee.

6490. You decided that you would be the committee; you elected yourselves; that was it, was it not?—No, we did not; we were asked to be.

6491. You elected yourselves and divided the money. The regatta commenced under the direction of Edward Kynaston, Esq., and a committee, and you chose your five friends to form the committee?—It may be so.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH DAY.

Tuesday, 12th October 1880.

W. Bushell.

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WILLIAM BUSHELL sworn and examined.

6492. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—Clerk of the Works.

6493. To whom?—To Mr. Ommaney.

6494. Where do you reside?—Upper Walmer.

6495. Did you receive any money in connection with the election?—Yes.

6496. From whom?—Mr. Olds.

6497. How much?—6*l.* for canvassing.

6498. Did you keep it or distribute it in any way?—I kept that.

6499. What other money did you receive?—I received 96*l.* besides.

6500. What did you do with that?—Distributed it.

6501. Have you a list of the persons to whom you distributed it?—Yes (*handing a paper*).

6502. How many people are there that you paid?—32.

6503. And you paid them 3*l.* each?—Yes.

6504. When did you pay that—before or after the election?—Before the election.

6505. Was it a payment of 3*l.* to each of them to vote on your side?—Yes, for the Conservative side.

6506. You paid each of these mentioned in this list 3*l.*?—Yes.

6507. And I suppose, as far as you know, they voted?—Yes.

6508. Did you receive any other money at all in connection with the election?—No.

6509. Or did you pay any money to anybody except those mentioned in this list?—No.

H. G. Frost.

HENRY GANDAR FROST sworn and examined.

6510. (Mr. Holl.) Do you carry on business as an ironmonger in High Street, Deal?—Yes.

6511. I believe you wish to make a statement?—Yes. Sir Julian Goldsmid stated in his evidence that we solicited an order from him for 50*l.* worth of fireworks, which is entirely false; it occurred in this way: upon the Wednesday we had an order over night for fireworks, and, thinking to kill two birds with one stone, we called upon Sir Julian to know whether he would like any blue lights for the day of election. I had to catch an early morning train, and I called upon him at half-past 7, and he was not down. I waited a little time, and the waiter had to go up and tell Sir Julian that I had sent up a message to the effect that I was bringing some fireworks down for the regatta, and would Sir Julian like some blue lights for the election, and the message came down that Sir Julian could not give the order then, but he would call upon us during the day; he called upon us in London and told my brother that he had consulted his legal advisers, and they distinctly said they were illegal, therefore he would have nothing to do with it.

6512. (Mr. Turner.) You say that no amount was mentioned?—No amount was mentioned.

6513. You merely inquired whether he would have any blue lights?—Yes, as a matter of business.

6514. You did not mention any amount?—No amount whatever. The amount that was for Crompton Roberts or for the regatta was 25*l.*, that is to say, I displayed to the value of 25*l.*

6515. Were 50*l.* worth ordered?—There was nothing mentioned about 50*l.*, and no amount of money was mentioned to Sir Julian in any way. He also stated that he came down and saw me, but he did not come down at all, and I have never seen the man in my life. He called upon us in London, and saw my brother, and told him that he had consulted his legal advisers, and they advised him that they were illegal.

6516. You did not see him personally?—No; he stated in his evidence that he came down and saw me, but I never saw him personally in my life.

6517. (Mr. Holl.) Did Sir Julian say so yesterday, when reading his statement?—I was told so by several people who had been in Court, and also it appears in the newspapers.

6518. (Mr. Turner.) Was it while he was making his statement?—No, after, I think—it is the part where he mentioned that it was principally through asking for the 50*l.* worth of fireworks that the petition was filed, which is really putting it on our back. Mr. Leghorn was the waiter, and he will tell you the same thing.

6519. However, what you say is, that what you did was to send up to him, asking him whether he would give an order for blue lights?—Yes.

6520. And you say there was no such thing as 50*l.* mentioned for fireworks?—No, there was no sum mentioned to Sir Julian.

R. Gibbons.

RICHARD GIBBONS sworn and examined.

6521. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—A builder.

6522. Where do you live?—No. 8, New Street.

6523. Did you receive any money in connection with the election?—Yes.

6524. How much?—36*l.* and 5*l.*

6525. What was the 5*l.* for?—I received the 5*l.* first to pay for one of the committee rooms, which I did not use.

6526. Did you pay for the committee room?—No, there is a balance yet.

6527. What did you do with that?—Retained it.

6528. Have you got it now?—Yes, there was a balance in hand. I had a bill against them.

6529. Did you receive any other money besides that 5*l.*?—No more besides the 5*l.* and the 36*l.*

6530. Have you paid any of it away?—Yes—here is a list of the names of all those that had it—29*l.* I paid away, and there was a balance of 5*l.*

6531. You paid eight persons 3*l.* each, whose names and addresses you have given?—Yes.

6532. One 4*l.* and one 1*l.*?—Yes.

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6533. Were those sums paid to them for their votes?—No, one of the name of Clayson was for the hire of his room—Mr. Outwin wished me to pay it.

6534. Were the others, paid for their votes?—Yes.

6535. All the others except Clayson?—Yes.

6536. Was it all paid before they voted—was it paid on the Tuesday?—Some before and some after.

6537. With regard to those that you paid after, had you promised that you would give them it?—Yes.

6538. And afterwards you paid them?—Yes.

6539. With regard to Clayson, what was that for?—That was for the hire of a room.

6540. Is he a publican?—No, a shoemaker. Mr. Outwin wished me to pay him. It was not for his vote, and I did not engage the room.

6541. Was that a room that had been hired?—Yes, Mr. Outwin hired it, and being near to me he asked me to pay him.

6542. (*Mr. Turner.*) Outwin gave you the money?—Yes.

6543. How did you know that room had been hired?—Mr. Outwin told me he hired it, and asked me to pay for the room.

6544. Do you know whether that room was used?—I do not.

6545. You gave him 3*l.*?—Yes.

6546. Was that before he voted?—No, I do not think, in fact, he had anything to do with it at all. I did not see Mr. Clayson at all, and he told me he had never received a penny in his life for a vote.

6547. To whom did you pay the 5*l.*?—Mrs. Clayson.

6548. You saw Mrs. Clayson yourself, and gave her the money?—Yes.

6549. What room was it?—I did not hire the room. I had nothing to do with hiring any rooms.

6550. Has he any room except the shop where he carries on his business?—Yes, a very nice sitting-room.

6551. In front?—Yes, it is a large room.

6552. All that you know about it is that you were

told to give this money to Clayson, and you gave it to Mrs. Clayson?—Yes.

6553. All the others you paid for their votes?—Yes.

6554. How came you to pay only 1*l.*?—Because I was doubtful whether he had voted or not.

6555. He told you he did?—Yes, he told me did, but I did not see him the day of the election at all.

6556. That makes 29*l.*?—Yes.

6557. You have got 7*l.* out of the 36*l.* still in hand?—Yes.

6558. And 5*l.*?—Yes.

6559. That you have done nothing with?—No, I have retained it. That 5*l.* was for a committee room at the "Tally Ho," kept by a man of the name of Marah, but I did not pay it, because he went to Mr. Outwin and got the money from him.

6560. You have, in point of fact, a balance in hand of 12*l.*?—Yes, and the reason I did not return it was that I had a bill for 15*l.* 18*s.*, and I retained 12*l.*

6561. Against whom was your bill?—It was ordered by Messrs. Ramell; you have there a true copy of the bill I delivered.

6562. This is a copy of your bill which you delivered?—Yes.

6563. Is it for the hire of flag poles?—No, not the hire.

6564. Is it for the purchase?—Yes.

6565. Of 100 flag poles?—Yes, at 1*s.* 4*d.* each.

6566. That does not seem a great deal?—No, they are very small poles.

6567. (*Mr. Holl.*) Poles to hang out of the windows?—Yes.

6568. Then 24 boards at 4*s.* each, and some other items for timber; and three large boards 2*l.* 10*s.*, you supplied these different things to Mr. Ramell?—Yes.

6569. All of them?—Yes.

6570. You charge 15*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.*, and you have retained 12*l.* as a set-off against that account?—Yes.

THOMAS HORNSBY FINNIS SWORN and examined.

T. H. Finnis.

6571. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A publican.

6572. What house do you keep?—The "Fox," Beach Street, North End.

6573. Did you receive any money in connection with the election?—Yes.

6574. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.

6575. How much?—48*l.*

6576. In one sum?—Yes.

6577. Have you got a list showing what you did with it?—Yes (*handing a paper*).

6578. You have distributed that money?—Yes.

6579. Are the numbers in this list the numbers upon the register, or the numbers of the houses?—The numbers on the register.

6580. You paid ten voters 3*l.* a piece?—Yes.

6581. Did you give them that money for their votes?—Yes, for their votes upon the morning of the election.

6582. I see that you have charged 5*l.* for your personal expenses?—Yes.

6583. What was that?—That was for treating and drinking; for three, or four, or five days I was running about.

6584. You were drinking and treating people—have you got any account of what you spent in treating and drinking?—No; I only went by what I had left.

6585. Is that 5*l.* which you kept for your trouble, and so forth?—No, that is what I spent in treating one and the other, and my trouble going to and fro to Mr. Outwin.

6586. You kept no account of what you spent in treating?—No.

6587. Can you tell us the names of any particular people you treated?—No, not at the time. I gave some of the voters a drop now and again.

6588. Can you tell us any particular people that you treated?—No, not at the time.

6589. Then there is, putting up a pole, 2*l.*?—That 2*l.* I paid out of my own pocket two or three days before I received the money, the use of my pole was 10*s.*, and 1*l.* 10*s.* I paid for putting it up.

6590. I suppose you do not know to whom you paid it?—I might give you the names of the people, but cannot now.

6591. Were they voters?—No, I do not think there were any voters among them; they were people who wanted a day's work, and I had orders from Mr. Cornwall to give five or six people a day's work.

6592. That makes 37*l.*?—Yes; and 11*l.* I have retained. Of course, when they pay me for my trouble of going about I shall give it up again, and if they do not pay it I shall have to keep it, that is all.

6593. Out of the 48*l.* you have kept for putting up a pole, and for your expenses in treating and drinking, 18*l.*?—I did not keep the 18*l.* because 30*s.* of it I paid out of my own pocket for putting up the pole.

6594. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What do you value your trouble at?—I should think about 30*s.* a day would not pay me.

6595. That comes to 15*l.*?—I think that would hardly pay me.

6596. That you think you ought to have?—I do.

6597. I do not like to say I hope you may get it, because it is possible you may think it ironical; that is about 600*l.* a year?—And very small pay too.

6598. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you think you make 600*l.* a year?—No; but I should like it sometimes.

(*Mr. Cornwall.*) I think this witness has made a mistake. I do not remember seeing him during the election.

(*The Witness.*) Do you recollect giving me a paper in your own handwriting for Mr. Ramell to pay me for putting up the flagpole at the "Star and Garter"?—

(*Mr. Cornwall.*) No.

(*The Witness.*) Have you got your letter and notes that you received?

(*Mr. Cornwall.*) No, I have no notes.

(*The Witness.*) You have been and made away with them, have you?

(*Mr. Cornwall.*) I think it is a mistake, that is all.

B. Wood.

BENJAMIN WOOD sworn and examined.

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6599. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A farmer at Middle Deal.

6600. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes, I received two or three sums.

6601. From whom?—I received some from Mr. Hughes, and some from Mr. Olds, or from Mr. Thomas for Mr. Hughes.

6602. Tell us how much you received from each?—From Mr. Matthews I received something over 80*l.* as near as I can get at it. I have destroyed the papers, but it was over 80*l.* that I spent in direct bribery.

6603. How much was it that you got from Mr. Hughes or Mr. Thomas?—I cannot say; the account was filed in the election accounts, and you will find it shown as I received the money.

6604. As to the 80*l.* you say that was spent in direct bribery?—Yes.

6605. Have you any list of the persons' names whom you distributed it amongst?—Yes (*handing a paper*). I have included it all in Upper Deal, because really there is no address of anybody in Upper Deal except those living in Kent Terrace, or Pope Sole.

6606. I see there are 27 of them?—Yes.

6607. How did you divide it amongst them?—All at equal sums of 3*l.*

6608. That is 81*l.*?—Yes, it was a trifle over 80*l.* I have been carefully through the register, and I cannot find any more.

6609. When did you give it to them?—Either the day of the election, or the evening previous, or the day after; but mostly all upon the morning of the election, between four and five in the morning.

J. Wise.

JAMES WISE sworn and examined.

6622. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I live retired.

6623. What were you?—I can hardly tell you what I have been in my lifetime. I have been so many things, a good many years ago I was a fly proprietor and carrier, and had bathing machines.

6624. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes (*handing a paper*).

6625. I see it comes to 45*l.*, did you apply that to voters?—Yes.

6626. And 6*l.* for canvassing?—Yes.

6627. From whom did you get the 45*l.* which you distributed amongst voters?—Mr. Olds.

6610. Did they promise their votes?—A good many of them did; it was implied that they should have the same as the others whatever it was, 2*l.* or 3*l.*

6611. Had you spoken to them about their votes before you distributed the 81*l.*?—Yes; a great many of them had promised me.

6612. Did each of them take it on account of his vote?—Yes; each one that had 3*l.* took it on account of his vote, decidedly.

6613. As to the other sum you say you cannot tell me exactly what it was?—You have the account.

6614. 9*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* I see?—Yes, it was something like that. I had charge of the Upper Deal district, and that was the account of the district.

6615. Is that (*handing a paper*) your account?—Yes.

6616. And that shows how you spent that 9*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, boys carrying boards, and so on?—Yes.

6617. Was this work done, to your knowledge, for which you sent in the bill?—Yes, decidedly it was; I was there the whole time it was being done. I may say that those people who are mentioned there were not voters.

6618. Did you receive any other money?—Yes, I received 6*l.*

6619. For yourself?—I had it for myself, but unfortunately I spent it—I found I could not keep it.

6620. Was it for canvassing?—I spent it mostly in canvassing, and I gave another man a sovereign in Upper Deal, he was no voter, but still he had influence up there, and I gave him a sovereign to do a little talking.

6621. You gave it to him so that he might influence voters?—Yes.

J. Wise.

JAMES WISE sworn and examined.

6622. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I live retired.

6623. What were you?—I can hardly tell you what I have been in my lifetime. I have been so many things, a good many years ago I was a fly proprietor and carrier, and had bathing machines.

6624. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes (*handing a paper*).

6625. I see it comes to 45*l.*, did you apply that to voters?—Yes.

6626. And 6*l.* for canvassing?—Yes.

6627. From whom did you get the 45*l.* which you distributed amongst voters?—Mr. Olds.

6628. Did you apply it among the persons whose names are in this list?—Yes.

6629. It is 3*l.* a vote?—Yes.

6630. When did you give it to them?—I think most of them after they had voted, there were one or two who would not vote until they had the money.

6631. Did they have it in order that they should vote as you wished them?—Yes.

6632. Did you receive any more money besides this 45*l.* and 6*l.*?—No.

6633. The 6*l.* you kept for yourself, for canvassing?—Yes.

W. B. Mackie.

WILLIAM B. MACKIE sworn and examined.

6634. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pilot.

6635. What money did you receive during the election?—6*l.*, 4*l.*, and 42*l.* from Mr. Olds.

6636. What was the 6*l.* for?—Canvassing.

6637. And the 4*l.*?—Personal use.

6638. A present?—No, personal use.

6639. What does that mean, explain it more fully?—When the petition was on they were looking for me to serve me to go to Sandwich, and they never found me, I went to sea.

6640. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Are you the gentleman who it was said was, "all in the Downs"?—Yes.

6641. What was the 4*l.* for?—Well, I used to keep away, and I spent more than that, it was eight or nine days.

6642. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you keep ashore here?—No,

not here, I kept out of their way. I went to various places.

6643. You had 6*l.* 4*l.* and 40*l.*?—42*l.*

6644. How many voters did you distribute that amongst?—14.

6645. They had 3*l.* each?—Yes.

6646. When did you give it to them?—Upon the morning of the election.

6647. What for?—For voting for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

6648. Had they promised to vote for him?—Yes, I went and selected them, and kept to them, and took a great many of them to vote.

6649. You promised them 3*l.* if they voted?—Yes.

6650. And they did vote?—Yes, they did vote.

6651. Had you any other money?—No.

G. Redman.

GEORGE REDMAN sworn and examined.

6652. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A publican.

6653. What is the name of your house?—The "True Briton," Walmer Road.

6654. Did you receive any money?—Yes, 5*l.*

6655. For your room?—Yes, and 4*s.* 6*d.* for helping to put up poles, and 3*l.* for looking after the poles after they were up.

6656. 3*l.* for looking after the poles that you had 4*s.* 6*d.* for putting up?—Yes.

6657. What else?—That is all I had.

6658. You had no money to distribute among voters?—No.

6659. Did you keep the 3*l.*?—Yes.

6660. How many poles did you put up for 4*s.* 6*d.*?—There was a lot of us shared the money.

6661. How many poles altogether did you and your friends put up?—I was only helping one day, and they were at it several days, and I had 4*s.* 6*d.* for my part of it.

6662. What did you do with the 3*l.*?—I kept it.

6663. What did you do for it?—Looked after the poles at night time.

6664. How many nights were you up?—I was not up many nights.

6665. Were you up one night?—I used to look at them before I went to bed.

6666. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I suppose a good many did that, did they not?—They were outside and about my house.

6667. (*Mr. Holl.*) And you saw them the next morning again?—I lived right opposite to them. Mr. Axon mentioned my name on Saturday.

6668. You saw them the last thing before you went to bed, and the first thing in the morning?—Yes.

6669. Are you a voter?—Yes.

G. Redman.

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T. Philips.

THOMAS PHILIPS SWORN AND EXAMINED.

6670. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A publican.

6671. Where?—At Walmer.

6672. What moneys did you receive in the course of the election?—I received 38*l.* from Mr. Olds, and 7*l.* 10*s.* from John Mackins.

6673. What was the 7*l.* 10*s.* for?—Erecting five flag poles, 1*l.* 10*s.* each.

6674. Who paid you that?—John Mackins of the "Stag" inn, Walmer.

6675. Now as to the other sum, 38*l.*?—There was 6*l.* for canvassing, 5*l.* for committee room, and 3*l.* each to the following voters (*handing a list*), and I think that will make it up.

6676. You bought nine votes?—Yes.

6677. What passed between you and them before you

paid the money about their votes?—They promised to vote, otherwise they would never have had it.

6678. When did you pay them?—I think most of them were paid the previous day.

6679. They were paid to vote?—I believe so. I think some of them voted the other side. I think one of them picked it up both sides, and you will find his name in the Liberal list.

6680. They all promised to vote for your side?—Yes.

6681. And you said you would give them 3*l.*?—Yes.

6682. Had you any more money?—No, none.

6683. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Who was it, do you think, that got money from both sides—was it Alec Rogers?—Yes; I think you will find his name in the Liberal account.

6684. It is very likely. I see he is a sweep?—You will find his name in the Liberal list.

GEORGE KINGSFORD REYNOLDS SWORN AND EXAMINED.

G.K. Reynolds.

6685. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bootmaker, 121, High Street.

6686. Did you receive any money?—Yes, I received 15*l.*, which I distributed in the following manner (*producing a paper*).

6687. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Outwin, and I distributed 5*l.* each to the persons mentioned there.

6688. George Honess, William Honess, and Francis Edward Jordan; who are these people?—Two bootmakers, and one is a hatter.

6689. What did they have 5*l.* for each?—For voting.

6690. You gave it to them for voting?—Yes.

6691. Are they respectable tradespeople?—No, in humble circumstances. I knew their circumstances without their telling me; but they did tell me that they really stood in need of a little help and asked whether I would do anything for them, and I did do so.

6692. You gave them 5*l.* apiece if they would vote for the Liberal candidate?—Yes.

6693. Did they vote?—Yes, I believe so.

6694. When did you pay the 5*l.*?—After they had voted. With regard to the last mentioned, I paid him through Thomas Allen; he paid him actually the money, I did not.

6695. However, you gave it to Allen to pay him, and Allen has told you he paid him?—Jordan has acknowledged to me that he received it from Allen.

6696. We heard this morning and yesterday that 3*l.* was the average price of a vote; why did you give this man 5*l.*?—They pressed me to do as much as I could for them and I gave them 5*l.*

6697. Had you Mr. Outwin's authority for that—to give them the 5*l.*?—Yes.

6698. Had you told him—had you mentioned these three men to him?—Yes, and the sum required.

6699. He fully authorised you to do it?—Yes.

6700. Besides the 15*l.*, what other monies had you?—I had 2*l.* sent to me after the election as an acknowledgment of my services during the election.

6701. Who sent them?—It came from Mr. Cornwell, but Mr. Cornwell did not deliver it to me himself. I believe it was from Mr. Cornwell. I was about canvassing, including the election day, four days, and I was working hard during that time, late at night, and others will bear me out in that. Though I entered into it in a thorough voluntary manner I received that 2*l.*, and I received it only as an acknowledgment of my services. I did not wish it, and I entered into it fully as a volunteer.

6702. You kept it?—Yes, certainly, because they wished me to do it as an acknowledgment of my services.

6703. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You did not wish it, but you liked it?—As far as that goes, I acknowledge I kept it, but still that would not influence my vote in any shape or form, and at any future election I would use my interest.

6704. (*Mr. Turner.*) We have only to do with the present; that 2*l.* came after the election?—Yes, some days.

6705. You had not been promised it before?—No.

6706. And you did your work without any reference to it?—Yes.

JOHN BULLOCK MILLEN SWORN AND EXAMINED.

J. B. Millen.

6707. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—10, Upper Queen Street.

6708. What are you?—A pilot.

6709. What money did you get at the election?—30*l.*

6710. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.

6711. What did you do with it?—I gave it away in bribery.

6712. To whom?—I have got a little piece of paper which I put in my purse here, which is the original piece of paper upon which I put down the names. I thought of making out a list, but I thought you might think I had only just made it up; here is the original piece of paper (*handing the same to the Commissioners*).

6713. I should like to have it in the form of a list with the names and addresses. There are two Lawrences, 6*l.*?—Yes, 3*l.* each.

6714. Then Robinson 3*l.*, and Miles 4*l.*; how came Miles to get 4*l.*?—He would not take less.

6715. You bargained with him before?—Yes.

6716. Then I see Redman got 10*l.*?—Yes.

6717. How came he to get 10*l.*?—We could not get

him under. We were told that we had got a majority, and therefore we tried to swell that majority, and it was getting towards the close of the poll; we could not get him under, and so we gave him 10*l.*

6718. Did prices rise as the election went on?—Towards the close.

6719. That makes 23*l.*, what became of the other 7*l.*?—I spent it.

6720. How?—In going about and treating people. I could not account for it. I had no money of my own in my pocket, and I spent that and a little over.

6721. In treating?—Yes.

6722. Can you tell us the names of anybody in particular?—I treated women and all; if I was in a public-house, and a lot got round me, I treated them, and was glad to get out of it again. I spent the money; that is all I spent in bribery.

6723. Be so good as to make out a list, putting the Christian names and addresses, with the number of the voter upon the register?—I will do so.

6724. Was that all the money you received?—Yes.

T. Theobald.

THOMAS THEOBALD sworn and examined.

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6725. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—11, West Street.
 6726. What are you?—Storekeeper to Messrs. Hills and Son.
 6727. What money did you have at this election?—5*l.*
 6728. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.
 6729. What did you do with it?—Kept it myself.
 6730. Was it paid to you for your vote?—I suppose so.

6731. You do not know that it was paid for anything else?—I could not resist the temptation; it was offered to me, and I took it.
 6732. And you voted, I suppose?—Yes, I voted.
 6733. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.
 6734. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did Mr. Outwin give it to you himself?—Yes,
 6735. Before the election?—The day of the election.

H. E. Millen.

HENRY EDWARD MILLEN sworn and examined.

6736. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 18, Griffin Street.
 6737. What are you?—Trinity pilot.
 6738. What money did you have at the election?—30*l.*
 6739. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.
 6740. In one sum?—Yes.
 6741. What did you do with it?—Spent it in bribery.

6742. Did you give it all away?—Yes, except about 2*l.* or 2*l.* 10*s.*
 6743. Have you got a list?—No, I have no list.
 6744. Can you make out a list?—Yes, I can do so.
 6745. Be so good as to make out a list, giving the name and address and occupation of the person, and the sum you gave each?—I will do so.

C. Cox.

CHARLES COX sworn and examined.

6746. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—65, Middle Street.
 6747. What are you?—I am at the skating rink.
 6748. What money have you had?—22*l.* 10*s.*
 6749. From whom?—From Mr. Outwin.
 6750. In one sum?—Yes.
 6751. What did you do with it?—I gave it away.
 6752. Have you got a list?—Yes (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).
 6753. Was this money given to these people for their votes?—Yes.

6754. I see one gets 4*l.* 10*s.*, how came he to get more than the others?—He wanted 5*l.*, but I would only give him 4*l.* 10*s.*
 6755. That makes 22*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.
 6756. Be so good as to add to this list the addresses of these men?—Yes, I will do so.
 6757. Was that all the money you had?—Yes, that is all.
 6758. Nothing for yourself?—No, I have got that to come, they tell me.

P. R. Lee.

PHILPOT RUTLEY LEE sworn and examined.

6759. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—6, Custom House Lane.
 6760. What are you?—A tallow chandler.
 6761. What money had you?—15*l.*
 6762. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.
 6763. What did you do with it?—I gave it to five different persons.

6764. Have you got a list of them?—Yes (*handing the same to the Commissioners*).
 6765. Did you pay these men 3*l.* a-piece for their votes?—Yes.
 6766. Was that all the money you received?—Yes.

W. Pettet.

WILLIAM PETTET sworn and examined.

6767. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—194, Middle Street.
 6768. What are you?—Marine store dealer.
 6769. What did you have at the election?—4*l.*
 6770. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.
 6771. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 6772. Did you keep it yourself, or give any away?—I kept it myself.

6773. Did you get it before the election?—No, the election morning.
 6774. Before you voted?—Afterwards.
 6775. Did you have any talk with Mr. Outwin before you voted?—Yes, the day before.
 6776. What did he tell you?—He said he would give me four sovereigns after I voted.
 6777. And after you voted he gave you the four sovereigns?—Yes.

C. Redman.

CHARLES REDMAN sworn and examined.

6778. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—The "Rose and Crown," Beach Street.
 6779. Do you keep that house?—It keeps me.
 6780. What sum did you have at the election?—I had 15*l.* off Mr. Outwin.
 6781. Was that all that you had?—I had 5*l.* from Mr. Olds for the committee room.
 6782. You let your room upon the Conservative side?—He knew when he ordered it that I should not vote for him.
 6783. You did let your room upon that side and paid the voters upon the other?—He knew I should not vote for him. He only got it for posting the bills upon the outside of the house.
 6784. Did you have Conservative bills up?—Yes, outside the house they were posted, and inside too.
 6785. You used your influence upon the other side?—Yes.

6786. You used your influence by distributing the 15*l.*?—Yes.
 6787. To whom did you give it?—I have a list here (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*). 5*l.* I kept for myself.
 6788. Did Mr. Outwin tell you that you were to keep that 5*l.* for yourself?—He did not tell me what I was to do with it; he sent for me and gave me 15*l.*
 6789. What did he tell you to do with it?—He told me to do the best I could with it.
 6790. And the best you could do with it was keeping 5*l.* for yourself?—They used my long room all the day of the election.
 6791. I thought the other side had taken your house?—They only had it for putting up bills.
 6792. You let the outside of the house to the Conservatives and the inside of the house to the Liberals?—Yes. I should like to see another election next week.
 6793. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you have no other money?—No, none at all.

WILLIAM TREMEERE sworn and examined.

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6794. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Street, No. 12½.

6795. What are you?—I used to be a waterman in former times, but now I do anything I can get to do.

6796. What did you have at the election?—3*l*.

6797. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.

6798. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

6799. Did you get it before or after voting?—After voting.

6800. You had a talk with Mr. Outwin before, I suppose?—I saw him the day before, and after I gave my vote he gave me 3*l*.

6801. You afterwards went to him and got your 3*l*.?—Yes.

STEPHEN PRITCHARD sworn and examined.

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6802. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A publican.

6803. What is your house?—The "Eagle."

6834. Where is that?—Close to the railway station, next door.

6805. In Deal?—Yes.

6806. Now what money did you receive?—30*l*.

6807. Who from?—Mr. Outwin.

6808. What did you do with that 30*l*.?—I have spent it in the best manner I could. He gave it to me late on Tuesday morning, and I was to take it to 10 different people, but when I came to do so I found they had gone and voted, and I laid it out on other expenses.

6809. Did you distribute any of it?—Yes.

6810. Is that your list that you have in your hand?—Yes (*handing same to the Commissioners*). I was to have had the money on Saturday night. I thought they was going to sell us.

6811. You paid 5*l*. to Samuel Sneller?—Yes.

6812. Where does he live?—In Peter Street, North End.

6813. Was that for his vote?—Well, he was to have 3*l*. before voting and 2*l*. afterwards?—Yes.

6814. 5*l*. altogether?—Yes.

6815. Then you paid some watchmen 25*s*. I see?—Yes.

6816. Who were they?—There was a man named Collard and Barber.

6817. What is Collard's Christian name?—William.

6818. And Barber's Christian name?—Benjamin.

6819. What did they do?—They was to go round Middle Deal and my place. After I put my poles up the first night they came and cut all the gear away, and I was obliged to do it a second time. I came and told Mr. Outwin, and he told me to put some more, four or five more.

6820. When did those men watch, in the day or the night?—In the night.

6821. How many nights?—Four nights.

6822. Do you really mean to tell us you saw them going anywhere?—Yes, and I gave them allowances before they started—some beer, and bread, and cheese.

6823. All the rest of the money you kept, I see?—Yes.

6824. That is 22*l*. 15*s*. you kept for yourself?—Yes.

6825. Was that what Mr. Outwin told you to do with it—you knew Mr. Outwin gave it you to distribute among other people and not keep for yourself?—No, I was to distribute.

6826. Do you mean to say that you do not know, very well, that he did not intend you to keep 22*l*. 15*s*. of this money, and put it into your own pocket?—I did not have 22*l*. 15*s*.; I should think I spent 5*l*. the day of the election, going round.

6827. I see you charge 5*l*. for the hire of your public-house, the "Eagle"?—Yes.

6828. Did the Liberals have a room there?—Yes, a fine room, and I was placarded all over, inside and out.

6829. Then there is an item for two flag poles?—Yes, they cut them away when they were first put up.

6830. Then there is "services rendered, 10*l*."?—Yes, and little enough too.

6831. You seem to have got only one voter, and you paid him 5*l*. for his vote—was there anyone else that you got to canvass?—No, only my canvassing.

6832. Did you canvass anybody else besides this one man?—I went all round the place, working night and day.

6833. Tell us a few people you canvassed?—I went from house to house.

6834. Who were these that you canvassed?—Well, anyone.

6835. Just tell us a few names?—I cannot tell you;

there is a few names there; there is the two Whites and Barber.

6836. Tell us the names of the people whom you say you canvassed, and charged 10*l*. for canvassing?—That was to pay my expenses of canvassing.

6837. But tell us the names of a few that you canvassed, if you did canvass any?—Rogers, here, in Deal, and several others.

6838. Can you tell me any name, excepting the name of the two Whites and Rogers?—Yes.

6839. Who else?—Well, I do not know as I can, anybody else; they promised, but I did not have no book to put it down in.

6840. You kept 10*l*. for yourself, for your services?—Yes.

6841. Had you any canvassing book?—No.

6842. Or any list of the people you canvassed?—No, I have never been used to such a thing.

6843. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did Mr. Outwin tell you to canvass?—Yes.

6844. Did he give you any list to canvass with?—Yes, he gave me a list of 10 I was going to pay that money to.

6845. Can you give the list of that 10?—The 10, I tell you, had been and voted.

6846. (*Mr. Holl.*) Give us the list of the 10 people you say you were to pay. It is a very odd thing, for everybody else has found the people he was told to pay beforehand. Tell me the 10 people you had the money given to pay?—I told him of it two or three days before. I do not know who they were now.

6847. What day did you get this 30*l*.?—Not till the middle of the election day, that is where I lost them.

6848. The middle of the Tuesday?—Yes.

6849. You got the 30*l*. then, did you?—Yes.

6850. Now give us the names of the people you told Mr. Outwin you wanted to pay the money to?—He has the list of them, I do not know who it is now.

6851. Just see if you cannot make out a list, please?—Yes.

6852. We will see if you can find the eight voters or not. We will ask you to write down the list of people. Now you charge 3*l*. 15*s*. for house allowances?—Yes, that is what it came to on the day of the election, that was not half of it. There was a committee at the house, and he told me then to let them have whatever they liked to drink.

6853. Mr. Outwin told you that, did he?—Yes, Mr. Outwin.

6854. Have you any memorandum of what you did allow to anybody?—Not a bit.

6855. Have you nothing at all to show that you supplied anything to anybody?—No, merely we slated down what anyone came in and had.

6856. Have you any memorandum book in which you entered any single things supplied to anybody that day?—No, not at all.

6857. You charge an extra 2*l*. for treating on the day of the election; now where did you treat people on the day of the election?—In going round.

6858. In your own house?—No, several different houses; North End and Walmer Road.

6859. Now do be careful; you tell us you spent 2*l*. in treating people, in going round; do you mean that?—Yes.

6860. Did you keep any memorandum of it?—No.

6861. You kept no memorandum of anything?—No.

6862. Except this little document showing you kept for yourself altogether 22*l*. 15*s*. out of the 30*l*.?—Yes.

6863. Now do you mean to tell us it is true that 9 out of the 10 people that Mr. Outwin gave you the money to pay for had voted, and that that was the reason you did not pay them?—I do. I went to find them, and could

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not find them, and I never see them till seven or eight days afterwards.

6864. You could not find them?—I could not find Mr. Outwin.

6865. Have you never told Mr. Outwin since that you kept 22*l.* 15*s.*?—No, I have never seen him.

6866. How far do you live from him?—A very little way.

6867. Why have not you gone and told him?—Well, I have been to his place several times.

6868. Then it comes to this that you, having had the money to pay these nine people, have kept the money and put it in your own pocket?—That is it, sir.

6869. And you have never told Mr. Outwin a word about it?—No.

G. Ralph

GEORGE RALPH sworn and examined.

6873. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A publican.

6874. What house do you keep?—The “Forester,” in Beach Street, Deal.

6875. Did you receive any money from anyone in connexion with the election?—I did.

6876. How much?—Mr. Outwin gave it in his evidence that I received 96*l.* from him, but I cannot account only for 90*l.*

6877. You think you received 90*l.*?—Yes; I cannot recollect ever receiving 96*l.*, and I told him so. He told me he had 96*l.* booked against me, and I told him I never received only 90*l.*; not as I recollect.

6878. You think you received only 90*l.*, do you?—Yes.

6879. Now what did you do with that 90*l.*; did you keep any memorandum of what you did with it?—No, I did not; we was in a hurry; it was rather late.

6880. Is that a list of what you did with it?—That is the list of what I did, with it (*handing same*), I expect. I am greatly in debt now, worse luck for me.

6881. I see you paid 14 persons 3*l.* each?—Yes.

6882. That would be 42*l.*; and then you paid one man, Robert Williams, 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

6883. Then you paid 32*l.* to George Mockett Pain, of 4, Alexander Cottages, on behalf of himself and crew?—Yes, that was of the lugger “Albert Victor.” I sent down to Portland to get them home, for I knew there was four men in the boat with votes.

6884. First with regard to the men you paid 3*l.* to; was that paid for their votes?—Yes.

6885. Did you pay it them on the morning of the voting, or the day after, or when?—On the morning of voting; they would not vote without it. I had a great many more promises, but I could not get them. Of course we were rather behind in the affair.

6886. Now what was that 32*l.* for the crew of the “Albert Victor” lugger for?—When I learnt as the lugger “Albert Victor” was down at Portland, and when I heard the election was coming off, I wrote and telegraphed to several places to get them home. They were people who used my house, and four out of the six had got votes, and I knew they had been in the Liberal interest, and I wrote down and telegraphed to various places, and they found the letter at Portland. They went in for fresh water, I think, and they came home and said their expenses were very great. When they go away with a lugger like that their expenses are 5*l.* or 6*l.* for fitting out, and they came back home, and they said this 32*l.* was not enough. I said I could not give them more, so I gave them the 32*l.* to share between them.

6887. How many men came home and voted?—Four voters and two non-voters.

6888. And they all came home?—Yes, they all came home, the two men could not do anything with the boat down there without the others.

6889. But they all came home, and the four who were voters voted?—Yes.

6890. Had you told them when you wrote to them that you would pay them for coming?—Certainly not. I said they would be right if they came home to vote.

6891. And they came home and voted?—Yes.

6892. How long would they be coming from Portland?—As soon as ever I heard when the election was going to be, I wrote directly to different places, for I was not at all sure where they would be. I wrote to the Isle of

6870. You expect us to believe this story about the nine people, do you?—Yes.

(*Mr. Holl.*) As far as I am concerned, I may tell you at once I do not.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) It is a very unsatisfactory thing. Bribery is bad enough, but theft is worse.

(*The witness.*) It was sent for bribery; what was I to do with it?

6871. (*Mr. Holl.*) Just sit down and write down the names of the nine people you say you were to pay that 22*l.* odd to, but you found that they had all voted. Sit down anywhere you like, and see if you can put down their names?—I must go home and get it down from my daughter.

6872. I think you had better do it here if you can?—I cannot, I do not think.

Wight, and Black Gang, and several places, but they happened to put in at Portland, and got my letter then.

6893. But how long would they be coming from Portland?—Two or three days. It depends entirely on which way the wind is. If the wind is against them they would probably be three or four days working home.

6894. Do you remember what you told them when you wrote?—I said the election was coming off on such a day, and “Will you come home as soon as possible.”

6895. And vote?—Yes, and vote. I am certain I said that.

6896. And what did you say you would do for them if they did?—I did not say anything in the letter, because they knew I should do as much as I could for them when they did come home.

6897. They knew that you would give them as much as you could?—Yes, as much as I could.

6898. And you did give them as much as you could?—As much as I thought right. They wanted more, but as long as they got so much to pay for provisions and coming home, and they had got to go back again to some place before they got anything, I thought that was enough.

6899. Did anyone tell you to do this?—No. I was on the committee, and I did it out of my own head, to get as much as I could for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

6900. Did you tell Mr. Outwin you were going to do that?—Mr. Outwin knew I was going to do it; I told him so.

6901. I see there is 5*l.* down for damage done to ropes by having them cut to pieces?—Yes. I found four flag poles, myself, and the ropes. I have a great many belonging to me, for I do a good deal in fishing. I supplied those four flag poles with ropes, and in the morning they were all cut to pieces, and not worth anything at all except for old stuff.

6902. So you put down 5*l.* for damage done to ropes?—Yes, I would much rather not have had them cut at all. You cannot get much of a rope for 5*l.* worth anything.

6903. Then there is personal expenses in canvassing, and so forth, 10*l.*?—Yes.

6904. Canvassing and treating it is?—Yes. I went about for a fortnight every day.

6905. Do you mean that you were canvassing for a fortnight every day?—Yes. I was out for a fortnight every day, doing all I could. I was requested to do so by Mr. Edwards.

6906. Then there is “Paid William Adams, for getting his father and brother to vote, 3*l.*”?—Yes. I had not got much influence over them, and he told me he thought he could get his father and brother, and I told him if he could he should have the same as them.

6907. And you paid him 3*l.* for that?—Yes; and gave him 3*l.* for his father.

6908. That is, in addition to the other men you paid 3*l.* to?—Yes.

6909. Is William Adams a voter?—No, a non-voter.

6910. And you paid him 3*l.* for getting his father and brother to come and vote on your side?—Yes.

6911. Then 2*l.* for putting up flag-staffs, and putting up and taking down flags night and morning?—There was four old men, very old chaps, about there, and I told them I would give them something. I gave them 2*l.* to share between them for the eight or nine days they were there taking them up and down night and morning. We

did not want them cut to pieces as we expected they would have been if we had nobody to look after them.

6912. They did not watch at night, I suppose?—No; they watched in the daytime and took them down at night.

6913. This was, I suppose, really to give them a job?—Well, they were poor old people, and very badly off; I knew that very well.

6914. Then there is the hire of your house. 7l. ?—Yes, I have been promised that, but I have never been paid at all.

6915. This makes 100l. 10s. altogether?—Yes.

6916. Of which you have had 90l. ?—Yes.

6917. And you have paid away out of the 90l., with the watchmen, altogether 78l. 10l. ?—Yes.

WILLIAM RILEY sworn and examined.

6922. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—A publican.

6923. What house do you keep?—The "Prince Albert."

6924. Is that in Deal or Walmer?—Deal.

6925. What money did you receive?—24l.

6926. Who did you receive it from?—Mr. Outwin.

6927. How did you dispose of it; first, what was it given to you for?—For bribery during the election.

6928. To pay for votes?—Yes.

6929. How did you dispose of it; have you a list?—Yes (*handing the same*).

6930. From this list, it appears you paid four persons 5l. each?—Yes. I took up the 24l. to pay eight.

6931. But you did only pay four?—Yes; there was some deceived me, and some were dissatisfied, and so I thought I would serve them all alike.

6932. Did you pay 5l. to each of those four men?—Yes.

6933. When did you pay them?—It was paid on the morning of the election.

6934. For their votes?—Yes.

6935. To vote for the Liberal candidate?—Yes. There are other little additional expenses.

6936. The other 4l. you kept for yourself?—Well, they had some rope of me, and I have got about 2l. balance left in my hand, and they are quite willing to have that 2l. balance back if anybody is deficient. I know some are deficient. We never had no meeting about it, or I should have given it up before, or had a settling about it.

6937. You have a claim for rope you supplied?—Yes.

6938. Have you sent it in?—No, because we have never had any meetings since the election.

6939. Who did you supply the rope to?—I do not know, it was had at the committee room while I was away; they had a ball of twine; I think it was worth 4s.

6940. I thought you said there were 2l. worth of rope?—No, there were additional expenses in running about, and other people drinking, and I have only got about 2l. now, and anybody who wants it back can have it.

6941. You think you spent on that and the twine about 2l. altogether?—Yes.

6942. And you have kept no memorandum of anything you spent, I suppose?—No; I simply paid money at the public-houses I went to.

6943. Then, 4l. you have in hand, have you?—No, 2l. only; it is the balance only.

HENRY EDWARD MILLEN recalled and further examined.

6965. (Mr. Jeune.) We have your list now. I see you paid Mr. Robert Pysden 5l., what was that for?—For voting.

6966. And John Hadley Mumbray 3l.; that was for the same purpose, I suppose?—Yes.

6967. Then Amelia Hall, "Port Arms," Beach Street; what was that for?—Expenses, refreshments, drink, &c.

6968. Treating in fact?—Yes. There was hire of rooms included in that.

6969. Then various items 5l. 10s.; what is that for?—Treating; small items.

6970. Treating that you did yourself?—Yes.

6971. Did you treat many voters?—Yes, several.

6972. Who did you treat; do you know?—I do not know their names; they were small amounts; some I gave 2s. 6d., and some 3s., and some 5s. to get clear out of the way.

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6918. And the other 11l. 10s. you have kept for your trouble of canvassing?—10l. is what I paid myself; my own personal expenses.

6919. Have you received any other money besides the 90l. ?—Not at all.

6920. Have you paid away any other moneys besides what are mentioned here?—Yes. When I say paid away, I have got a bill due to me for ropes. They could not get ropes enough in the town, and I had a lot by me, and they had those for the flag poles all along the town, and I have got a bill of 18l. or 19l. I have never had anything of that.

6921. Yours is one of the claims in Mr. Edward's list?—Yes; I have never had anything of it.

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W. Riley.

6944. You are a voter, I suppose?—Yes.

6945. And this money was given to you to pay eight men?—Yes.

6946. How was it you did not pay the other four?—Because they deceived me; they went and voted on the other side; I could not find them.

6947. Do you know their names?—Yes, I think I know all four.

6948. Who were they?—Two were living next door to me, father and son.

6949. What were their names?—Riches.

6950. What are their Christian names?—I do not know that.

6951. You say there were two men named Riches living next door to you, what is the address next door?—91, Middle Street.

6952. (Mr. Jeune.) Would one of them be James Riches, 11, Griffen Street?—He did live there, but he has removed next door to me.

6953. They both live at 91, Middle Street, Deal, you say?—Yes.

6954. Who are the other two?—One was named Hurren; he lives in George Street.

6955. What is his Christian name?—John, I think.

6956. Do you know the number?—No, I do not.

6957. Who was the other?—His name was Job.

6958. What is his Christian name?—I do not know; he lives in King's Arms Alley.

6959. In Deal?—Yes.

6960. Do I understand you, that the other four men you could not find?—They partly promised me, sufficiently so that I took up the money, because they would take it, and when the time come, if they saw me, they ran away, and for that reason I found I could not trust them, and I let them go.

6961. Then did you give the other four men 5l. a piece of your own idea?—Yes.

6962. Instead of 3l. ?—Yes.

6963. You had not promised them more than 3l., had you?—Not to speak of; in fact, I could not tell them what I could give them no further than that they partly promised they would vote for them, and if they did I would do as others were doing.

6964. But you say you did give them 5l. apiece?—Yes.

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6973. And you have not any list?—No.

6974. Cannot you tell us their names?—Not all those I cannot.

6975. Cannot you tell us some of them; just think? I could not indeed.

6976. It is 5l. 10s., you see there must have been a good many of them?—Oh yes, a great many of course.

6977. Cannot you think of any of them?—No, I cannot.

6978. I should like to have some of their names if you can give them me. As it is 5l. 10s. there must have been a goodish few you know?—I really could not give you any.

6979. There is in hand 2l. 14s.; what is that?—The balance left out of the 30l.

6980. Did you tell Mr. Outwin that you had that balance left?—I did not, but I told Mr. Outwin when

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 he gave it, that any money I had left I should return to him. I must give you to understand that I never had a sixpence for electioneering purposes from my own party in my life. If I cannot do without that I never wish to have any.

S. Willey.

SIMEON WILLEY sworn and examined.

6983. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A painter.
 6984. Where do you live?—164, Beach Street.
 6985. What money did you have?—5*l.*
 6986. Was that for your vote, or to distribute?—Well, it was given to me; I never asked for it, and the party who gave it to me never told me what it was for, or anything.
 6987. You had a shrewd suspicion?—Yes.
 6988. And you have kept that 5*l.*, and voted?—Yes.
 6989. I will not ask you who for, but you did vote?—I did.
 6990. Did you know it was given to you to vote for the Liberal party?—I judged as much.
 6991. You got it from Mr. Outwin, did you not?—No.
 6992. Then who did you get it from?—Mr. Riley.
 6993. (*Mr. Jeune.*) The same Riley who was called just now?—No.
 6994. Which Mr. Riley?—I believe he is at sea just now.

6981. Is that the whole of the money that you had?—The whole.

6982. None for yourself?—No, none for myself; it is the first time I ever had any, and it will be the last. I never had a sixpence in my life from anyone.

6995. What is his Christian name?—I cannot tell you that.

6996. What is his address?—He lives in Beach Street, 100 and something.

6997. 124, Beach Street?—I think it is.

6998. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you receive any other money from anyone?—No.

6999. Or pay anything to anyone?—No.

7000. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Mr. Riley is at sea now, is he?—Yes.

7001. What is he, a pilot?—He goes to sea in a Deal lugger.

7002. He is a pilot, I suppose?—Yes.

7003. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you know when he is coming back?—No; there is no bounds to them when they come back.

7004. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When did he go?—He went the week before last.

T. Allen.

THOMAS ALLEN sworn and examined.

7005. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A baker.
 7006. Where do you live?—11, Peter Street, Deal.
 7007. What money did you receive?—I received 43*l.*
 7008. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.
 7009. What did you receive that for?—For election purposes. Here is the list of the names (*handing same*).
 7010. It was to purchase votes in fact?—Yes, just so.
 7011. I see you paid to six persons 3*l.* each?—Yes.
 7012. And you have paid four persons 5*l.* each?—Yes.
 7013. I see I was wrong; you paid seven persons 3*l.* each?—Yes, just as it says there.

7014. And four 5*l.* each?—Yes.

7015. That was paid to them for their votes?—Just so.

7016. When did you pay it them?—On the election day, in the morning.

7017. I see you have got 2*l.* for expenses?—For treating, and going about, and such like.

7018. You went about to those different people?—Yes.

7019. And this list contains the names and addresses of the different persons you gave the money to?—Yes.

J. Bishop.

JOHN BISHOP sworn and examined.

7020. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 7021. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 7022. What money did you receive?—12*l.*
 7023. From Mr. Outwin?—Yes.
 7024. What did you do with it?—Divided it between three of us.
 7025. You and three others?—No, two others.
 7026. Then you had 4*l.* each?—Yes.
 7027. Have you got the names of the others?—No, I can give them.
 7028. Who were they?—George Spiller and Edward Hayward.
 7029. Where does George Spiller live?—They both live at Upper Deal.
 7030. Is that a sufficient address, cannot you give anything more particular?—No, I do not think there are any numbers to their houses.
 7031. What is he?—They are both labourers.
 7032. And "Upper Deal" will find them?—Yes.
 7033. Did you pay it them before or after the election?—After the election.
 7034. In consideration of their voting?—I suppose that was so; that is what Mr. Outwin gave it me for.
 7035. You had spoken to them about it before they voted?—Yes.
 7036. Did you vote?—Yes.
 7037. Had they promised to vote for the Liberal candidate?—Yes.
 7038. And you kept your own 4*l.*?—Yes.
 7039. Have you received anything else?—No.
 7040. Why did you give them 4*l.*; all the others almost had 3*l.*?—Mr. Outwin gave me 12*l.*, and, of course, I divided it between three of us.
 7041. Why could not there be four of you; why not find out another man?—There was only us three together.

7042. Do you mean Outwin gave it to you for you three?—Yes.

7043. When did he do that?—After the election; in the afternoon.

7044. Had he told you before the election he would give 12*l.* for you three?—No.

7045. (*Mr. Holl.*) But you told them you would give them something before the election?—Yes.

7046. Had you any other money besides what you have told us of, 12*l.*?—Not from that party.

7047. Had you from anyone else?—From Mr. Benjamin Wood.

7048. Why did not you tell us that. How much did you have from him?—3*l.*

7049. What did you do with it?—Kept it myself.

7050. What was it given to you for?—By Mr. Wood; to vote, I suppose.

7051. Was it not given you to give to somebody else?—No.

7052. It was given to you yourself for your vote?—Yes.

7043. (*Mr. Turner.*) Besides the 4*l.*?—Besides Mr. Outwin's 4*l.*

7044. Did Mr. Wood know you had had 5*l.* of Mr. Outwin?—No, I believe not; I did not tell him.

7045. Did Outwin know that you had got 3*l.* from Mr. Wood?—No, I had not got it then.

7056. Do you think that honest?—Quite.

7057. (*Mr. Holl.*) You took the 4*l.* from Mr. Outwin, and then you got 3*l.* from Mr. Wood, and did not tell him you had got 4*l.* from Mr. Outwin?—No, I did not tell him. I should not have got it if I had.

(*Mr. Holl.*) It is as well it should be known that a thing of that kind is exceedingly dishonest, though it seems to excite a good deal of amusement.

STEPHEN PRITCHARD re-called, and further examined.

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7058. (*Mr. Holl.*) Does this paper contain the names of the persons that you gave to Mr. Outwin and for whom he gave you the money?—Yes, for them or any others. He gave me 30*l.*

7059. To pay to 10 people you said?—Yes.

7060. You paid one, and here are eight other names you have given me. Cannot you remember the ninth?—I remember myself, that is all. There are one or two more. I cannot just remember them now.

7061. He gave you the money to pay yourself and these eight?—Yes. Mr. Outwin had the list of them, which I gave him.

7062. There is Rogers, Middle Street, and Sneller. Sneller was the man you paid?—Yes.

7063. Then there are only seven here that you did not pay. I asked you to put down those you did not pay?—I thought you wanted me to put down the number. I was to give 5*l.* each, and how was I to do that out of 30*l.*

7064. What is Hawkes' Christian name?—William, I think.

7065. Do all these men whose names are on this list live in Upper Deal?—Yes. They are only men that I promised; they never had any money.

7066. Are these man whose names are given here persons to whom you proposed to give money for their votes?—Yes, by his orders; and he told me I was to do what I could with the others.

7067. And you were unfortunate enough not to be able to find any of them?—I found them all, because I found them down here that day.

7068. Had you promised either of these men to give them something for their votes?—I promised Hawkes to give him money for the other three at Upper Deal, and I promised White.

7069. You promised to give him money, and for the other three at Upper Deal?—Yes.

WILLIAM NORTH HANCOCK sworn and examined.

7083. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fly proprietor.

7084. How much money did you receive?—Mr. Outwin gave me 3*l.* on the night before the election.

7085. Did he give you any more?—No.

7086. Did anybody give you any more?—No.

7087. So you had nothing but that 3*l.*?—No.

7088. What was that given to you for?—To give to a man named Goodchild in my service.

7089. And what was he to do with it; or rather, what did you give it him for?—Mr. Outwin told me to give it to him.

7090. Was he a voter?—Yes.

7091. Did he vote?—I do not know.

7092. You do not know anything about that?—No.

7093. Did he tell you he would vote?—No.

7094. What is his address?—I do not know.

7095. Is he in your service?—Yes.

7096. What is his name?—William; he lives in Middle Street, I know.

7097. Did Mr. Outwin give it to you to give to this man for his vote?—I do not know. Mr. Outwin gave it to me, and he says, "Give it to your man Goodchild." I did not know what he had given me. I know he gave me something, and when I got out from where he was, I see there was three sovereigns, and I took it and gave it him.

7098. You gave it to Goodchild?—Yes.

7099. Did not Mr. Outwin tell you why he gave it you for Goodchild?—No.

7100. Had he seen Goodchild himself, do you know? I expect he had. I do not know.

7101. And that is all you know about it?—Yes.

7102. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When you gave it to Goodchild did he know it was for his vote?—I cannot say.

7103. You knew it was for his vote, did you not?—No, I did not. I was not supposed to know it.

7104. That may be?—I expected it.

7105. Whether you were supposed to know it, or not, you did know it?—Yes. I have given out all I had given to me. I gave it to him. I never had a penny out of it.

7106. Did not you tell Goodchild what it was for?—No, I told him Mr. Outwin had given me 3*l.* for him.

7107. What did he say?—He said all right, or something to that effect.

7070. Hawkes is the one you made the promise to?—Yes; on Sunday evening as he was going to church.

7071. You say you promised that?—Yes, and if I had received that money on Monday morning it would have been paid away.

7072. Did you promise the two White's something?—Yes.

7073. Did you promise Rogers anything?—Yes; I promised him I would give him 5*l.*, which the others were to have.

7074. You told me 3*l.* before?—3*l.* before, and 2*l.* after the voting.

7075. You told me before that it was 30*l.* from Mr. Outwin which you received, to pay 10 men?—Yes, that is it. I did not do that. I drew the money out, and after, I found they had voted. My order from Mr. Outwin was 3*l.* before they went in, and 2*l.* after they came back.

7076. Had you promised Rogers to give him anything?—Yes.

7077. Did you see the other three men, whose names are mentioned, in Upper Deal, besides Hawkes and Berwick?—No.

7078. Edward Powell?—No.

7079. J. Bishop?—I see Bishop in my house.

7080. Did you promise Bishop anything?—He asked me to do what I could for him. I said I would do the same as the others.

7081. Then you promised Rogers, and the two White's and Hawkes, and Bishop?—Yes.

7082. But I understand you to say you are sure you did not promise Berwick or Powell?—I did not. Berwick was going to see to them. They all lived in one little square, and I saw Hawkes, and he said he would see them.

7108. And it was all right?—Yes. It was no benefit to me whatever. I never had a penny of it.

7109. Did you supply any flies?—Yes.

7110. To whom?—To Sir Julian Goldsmid.

7111. And you sent in a bill for them?—Yes.

7112. Have you been paid?—No. I drew 30*l.* on account of it.

7113. On account of your fly bill?—Yes.

7114. From whom?—Mr. Edwards.

7115. How much is left?—32*l.*, or 33*l.* 13*s.*, or something like that.

7116. (*Mr. Turner.*) Had you anything to do with Mr. Denne in the election?—No.

7117. Mr. Charles Denne of the "Star and Garter"?—No. The carriages were round about his house, but I had nothing to do with him.

7118. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did not Mr. Denne pay your coachman?—Not one penny, not that I am aware of.

7119. Did he supply them with refreshments?—I believe he did.

7120. That was it, I believe, refreshments to all the fly drivers. Mr. Denne may have supplied your men with refreshments?—I believe he did.

7121. (*Mr. Turner.*) You have your bill for flies, half of which is paid, and you have nothing else against the election besides your bill for flies?—No.

7122. Nothing?—Nothing.

7123. Who ordered the flies?—Sir Julian Goldsmid himself ordered the pair horse carriage chiefly; either himself or his lady. I think very nearly every day we was out with him, and took them home about 2 o'clock sometimes, or just before 2, and he would say, "Be here again at 2." I took generally the orders from Sir Julian or his lady, and sometimes I took orders from the other party.

7124. What other party?—I took orders from Mr. Edwards, and some from Mr. Outwin; a great many for one horse flies.

7125. Sir Julian and his lady, and Mr. Outwin and Mr. Edwards employed your flies?—Yes, the pair of horses was usually kept for Sir Julian or his lady.

7126. (*Mr. Holl.*) He ordered the pair horse carriage?—Most times himself, or else his servant. It came through him.

7127. (*Mr. Turner.*) And there is nothing else you had to do with this election?—Nothing whatever.

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Hancock.

W. Norris.

WILLIAM NORRIS sworn and examined.

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7128. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A publican.
 7129. Where of?—Lower Walmer.
 7130. Do you know a Mr. W. G. Norris?—No, not in Lower Walmer.
 7131. What money did you receive in the election?—6*l.*
 7132. Who from?—Mr. Rose.
 7133. What did you do with it?—There is the list (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*). I gave it away. I had none myself, worse luck.
 7134. I see there is 3*l.* to William Rich, No. 5, York Street, Lower Walmer, and 3*l.* to Edward Norris, Campbell Street, Lower Walmer, for the purpose of hoisting up flags in boats. You gave the money to those two men?—Yes.

7135. After the election?—Yes.
 7136. And not for their votes?—Well it was really for their votes.
 7137. You say it was for the purpose of hoisting flags up in their boats?—Yes.
 7138. And did they vote?—Yes.
 7139. Had you spoken to them about their votes before the election?—Yes.
 7140. Did they tell you they would vote for the Liberal candidate?—Yes.
 7141. Have you had anything yourself?—Not a farthing.
 7142. Or any other monies?—No, not a farthing.
 7143. I think I asked you, but do you keep the "Life Boat" Inn at Lower Walmer?—Yes.

G. Potts.

GEORGE POTTS sworn and examined.

7144. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—a dairyman.
 7145. What money did you have?—40*l.*
 7146. Where do you live?—27, Gladstone Road.
 7147. From whom did you receive the 40*l.*?—Mr. Outwin.
 7148. What did you do with it?—Here is the list of it (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).
 7149. You gave six persons 3*l.* each, I see, that is 18*l.*, and five persons 4*l.*, making 38*l.*, and one person 1*l.*, and your expenses 1*l.*, making 40*l.*?—Yes.
 7150. So 39*l.* you gave away to different people; were they voters?—Yes.
 7151. Did you give it them for their votes?—Yes.
 7152. Did you speak to them about it before?—Yes.
 7153. When did you pay them?—Some before and some the same day of the election.
 7154. And they promised you they would vote for the

Liberals?—Well, I knew they were all for the Liberal cause and they promised to vote that way.
 7155. And then 1*l.* is your own expenses?—Yes.
 7156. (*Mr. Holl.*) You promised to give them this money for their votes?—Well, that is what it is intended for.
 7157. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did they know it was for their votes?—Yes.
 7158. Had you any other reason for giving it them?—No, not particular.
 7159. Had you any other money?—No.
 7160. And you spent no other money?—No.
 7161. (*Mr. Holl.*) I see there is a man named Penn, do not you know his Christian name?—No. I know where he works.
 7162. Do you know where he lives?—I think it would be in the Sheepfold on the register list.
 7163. Where does he work?—At Mr. Bailey's the grocer's.

P. Harris.

PATRICK HARRIS sworn and examined.

7164. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.
 7165. Where do you live?—The "Norfolk Arms," West Street.
 7166. What money did you receive?—26*l.* for Mr. Outwin.
 7167. What did you do with it?—There is the list (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*). 20*l.* of it for five voters, and there are the names on that list, and 5*l.* for the committee room, and 1*l.* I spent in going round canvassing.
 7168. I see their names are Henry Waller, William Canney, William Love, William Marsh, William Gimber, 20*l.*, that is 4*l.* each?—Yes.
 7169. Then Harris, 6*l.*; is that yourself?—Yes, 5*l.* for the use of the committee room, and 1*l.* spent—spent in going round.
 7170. Those five men to whom you gave the 4*l.* apiece, what did you give it them for?—For their votes.
 7171. Did you tell them so?—Yes; and they told me they would vote.
 7172. For the Liberal?—Yes.
 7173. And did they vote?—I do not know; they went I know.
 7174. When did you pay them the money?—The same day.
 7175. After they had voted?—Yes.

7176. You have not got the addresses of those five men?—No, they live close to me in the same street.
 7177. Could you put them down?—I do not know the numbers, it is in West Street.
 7178. And they live in West Street, Deal?—Yes.
 7179. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Waller as well—the whole five?—Canney I believe lives in Union Street, Pickets Walk.
 7180. Where do the others live?—West Street.
 7181. Did you receive any other money?—I did.
 7182. What?—5*l.* off Mr. Olds for a committee room.
 7183. Then you let one room to each side?—Yes.
 7184. One to Mr. Olds and the other to Mr. Outwin?—Yes.
 7185. Did they each occupy the room?—The Liberal party did not visit the room at all.
 7186. Did the Conservatives do you more honour?—They came twice.
 7187. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did either party put up any bills?—I had bills up for Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 7188. Not for the Liberals?—No, they did not bring me any.
 7189. (*Mr. Holl.*) They never brought you bills for them?—No; if they had I would have put them up.
 7190. And the other side did send you bills?—Yes; I put them up for Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 7191. And they came twice to your room?—Yes.
 7192. Is that the total you had?—That is all.

W. G. Norris.

WILLIAM GEORGE NORRIS sworn and examined.

7193. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 7194. Where do you live?—15, Wellington Road.
 7195. In Deal?—Yes.
 7196. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 7197. How much?—46*l.*
 7198. Who from?—Mr. Outwin.
 7199. What were you to do with it?—For election purposes, and that is the list of the names of the persons who had it for voting, and so on (*handing same*).
 7200. I see nine had 4*l.*—that is, 36*l.*, and there is 10*l.* for "Norris, W. G."; is that yourself?—That is

myself for canvassing and other expenses attending it, besides my vote, you understand.
 7201. (*Mr. Jeune.*) The vote was thrown in?—Yes; that has to come out of that.
 7202. (*Mr. Holl.*) You had that given for your vote?—Yes, and I worked as a messenger, and altogether you know.
 7203. It is 10*l.*; that is, 4*l.* for yourself, and your canvassing 6*l.*?—It is all there.
 7204. Did you promise these men in this list that you would give them something if they voted?—I told them they should have the 4*l.* I put down on the paper.

7205. You mentioned the sum?—Yes; they would not go for less than that.

7206. Others did; some went for 3*l*.?—I do not know what the others did.

7207. Did they tell you they would vote or would be satisfied if they got 4*l*.?—They promised they would, and I believe they did.

7208. When did you pay them the 4*l*.?—Some had it on Monday evening and some on the morning of the election—most of them.

7209. All before they voted?—No, most of it after; that had it on the Monday of course was before voting.

WILLIAM GREY LAMBERT sworn and examined.

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7216. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

7217. Where do you live?—77, Beach Street.

7218. What money did you have?—I had 3*l*. 13*s*.

7219. From whom?—From the "Bold Forty-two," in Marsh's Club.

7220. What is the "Forty-two"?—The forty-two in the club.

7221. You had it from the club?—Yes.

7222. The 3*l*. 13*s*.?—Yes.

7223. Who gave it you?—We took it all off the table; it was put on the table; it was all on the table, and each one of the 42 took his equal part, 3*l*. 13*s*.

7224. Who put the money there for you?—I cannot say who put it there exactly, but I suppose it must have been Marsh put it there.

7225. Who is Marsh?—The man that was here yesterday.

7226. What was it given to you for?—Well, I suppose it was given us to vote.

7227. And did you vote?—Certainly I did.

7228. For the Liberal?—Yes, I always do and always shall. I always was a Liberal.

7229. When you can get 3*l*. 13*s*.?—Yes, I got 3*l*. 13*s*.

WILLIAM HOILE sworn and examined.

W. Hoile.

7241. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A channel pilot.

7242. Where do you live?—3, Griffen Street.

7243. Now what money had you?—I received 3*l*. off my father about three days after the election.

7244. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7245. Did you vote?—Yes.

7246. Why did you receive the 3*l*.?—I received it three days after the election off my father.

7247. But why did he give you 3*l*.?—I was going to sea, and he came down and gave me 3*l*., and I took it and put it in my pocket.

7248. Did not you know it was for your vote?—I did not know it was for my vote.

7249. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What did you think about it?—Well, I put it in my pocket.

7250. That is what you did, but that is not thinking; what did you think about it?—I knew he was paying me some money or other. I did not suppose I was going to vote for nothing.

7251. You expected to have something for your vote?—Yes.

7252. (*Mr. Turner.*) You were not surprised then, to receive the something from your father?—No.

7253. You did not think it was something from your father himself?—He gives me money sometimes.

7254. But not often?—Oh yes, sometimes.

7255. I do not mean to say for a moment that he is not a kind father. You knew it was not his 3*l*., did not you?—I did not know it was or not. I supposed it was for my vote.

7256. (*Mr. Holl.*) Come now, you knew perfectly well it was given for your vote, did you not?—I did not know; I supposed it was for my vote.

7257. (*Mr. Turner.*) Had anybody told you they would give you anything for your vote?—Yes, I was promised, before that, 3*l*.

WILLIAM TRIGG sworn and examined.

W. Trigg.

7275. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—18, Strand, Walmer.

7276. What are you?—A bootmaker.

7210. You said they had it next morning?—Yes, next morning; but I think the principal part was after they voted.

7211. And they had it for their votes?—Yes.

7212. Had you anything else?—No, nothing.

7213. Your name is William George Norris; do you know of any other Norris?—There is a great many of them in Deal.

7214. We have had William Norris; is there another W. G. Norris?—I cannot say; perhaps there may be. There is Alfred Norris, I think.

7215. Is there an Alfred Norris?—There is an Alfred Norris. I do not know W. G. Norris.

7230. Did the others all take 3*l*. 13*s*.?—Yes, every one.

7231. Forty-two of them?—Yes, shilling for shilling.

7232. Do you know their names?—I could not give you the names now. You have the names in Marsh's bill.

7233. What is Marsh's Christian name?—Henry, I think.

7234. Had you any other money?—Yes, I think I had 4*s*. or 5*s*. for being a sort of policeman one night.

7235. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

7236. Who gave you 4*s*. or 5*s*. for being a policeman?—I do not know now who it was, I am sure.

7237. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You do not know who it was gave you 4*s*. or 5*s*.?—No.

7238. You do not act as a policeman every day, do you?—No, and I should not like to act again; all we had to do was to keep the boys out, so that they could not make a noise.

7239. Now who gave you that 4*s*. or 5*s*.?—Really I cannot tell you; my recollection is rather bad.

7240. Which side were you special constable for?—Well, I cannot tell you that either—sometimes at one door and sometimes at the other; wherever the boys were we had to go and clear them away.

7258. Who was that promised by?—Mr. Griggs.

7259. Mr. Griggs had told you he would give you 3*l*. to vote for him?—For Sir Julian Goldamid.

7260. And after you voted you had this 3*l*.?—Yes, at least from Mr. Roberts, the 3*l*. was not Sir Julian's.

7261. To vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.

7262. And did you vote for him?—Yes.

7263. You had a promise from Griggs, you say?—Yes, I had a promise from Griggs when I came home from sea, and he gave me 3*l*. on the day of the election.

7264. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Your promise to Griggs was to vote for Sir Julian Goldamid?—Yes, when he asked me.

7265. And he gave you 3*l*. on the day of the election?—Yes.

7266. And you had another 3*l*. of your father?—Yes, three or four days after the election.

7267. So that you had 6*l*. altogether for your vote?—Yes.

7268. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did your father know you had the 3*l*. from Griggs?—No, none whatever.

7269. You did not tell him that?—No.

7270. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You were paid by both sides?—Yes, I was paid by both sides by the look of it. If I had had any more handed to me I should have taken it.

7271. And which way did you vote?—Well, I voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

7272. Why did you vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts rather than Sir Julian Goldamid?—Well you could only vote for one, so that you must throw it in somewhere or other.

7273. But why vote for one rather than the other?—Because I did not think there was any other way of doing it. I did not think Sir Julian had got much chance of coming in.

7274. And you liked to be on the winning side?—Yes, right one way or the other.

7277. What money have you had at this election?—21*l*. 10*s*.

7278. From Rose?—Yes.

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7279. What did you do with it?—I paid 11*l.* away for direct bribery and 10*l.* 10*s.* I paid in other ways. I was employed as a special canvasser to go round to some Tory houses to see if we could get the colours down.

7280. You paid 10*l.* to yourself?—10 guineas I had for myself.

7281. What was that for—what were you doing for it?—I was employed as special canvasser, and I tried to get some of the Tory colours down for one thing, and I was sent to several of the Tory houses to see if we could do anything with them, and of course I had to spend something in each place.

7282. To get the colours down, do you say?—To see if we could get them to pull the Tory colours down and put ours up.

7283. Is that the duty of a special canvasser?—This was a little duty I had to perform, and I had to go and look after some out-voters in the country, and was gone the whole day.

7284. Who agreed with you to give you 10*l.* for that?—Nobody; I had 21*l.* 10*s.* to do the best I could with; I had a list of names of people supposed to be Tories, and I had to try and influence them.

7285. (Mr. Holl.) You had 21*l.* 10*s.*, and 10 guineas of that you allocated to yourself?—No, I spent it.

7286. Well you kept it to yourself?—I spent it.

7287. And what did you do with the remainder?—11*l.* I gave away to voters.

7288. To whom?—John Sharp for one.

7289. Have you a list there?—Yes (*handing the same*).

7290. I see there is, "Paid three voters, John Sharp of Walmer, James Murphy, Deal," and what is the third name?—Baker. I do not know his Christian name, but he is a baker by trade.

7291. And his name is Baker?—Yes.

7292. Where does he live in Walmer?—Close by me.

7293. Then "Remainder spent in treating and travel—ling, four dozen bows, flyman, &c." Is that all the money you were paid?—Yes, except 5*l.* for lost time for seven or eight days.

7294. Besides the 10 guineas?—I never had that 10 guineas, I spent it, it was gone.

7295. 5*l.* you got for yourself; where did you get that from?—The same party.

7296. From Mr. Rose?—Yes.

7297. And that was for yourself only?—Yes.

7298. Anything more?—Nothing else.

7299. From neither side? No, from neither side. I would not have done it for a Tory if he gave me 50*l.*

7300. You are very particular that your money should be of the right colour?—Yes.

S. Pearson.

SAMUEL PEARSON sworn and examined.

7301. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—Walmer Road.

7302. What are you?—A publican.

7303. What is the name of your public-house?—The "Queen's Head."

7304. What have you had?—39*l.*

7305. From whom?—Mr. Rose.

7306. What did you do with it?—Paid it for the Liberal cause in different ways.

7307. In what way?—I can hand you the list (*handing same*).

7308. "Making flags and bows, and also mending same during the election, 9*l.*?"—Yes, that is right.

7309. Then, "William Cushman, Campbell Terrace, voting and displaying flags on house"?—Yes.

7310. He displayed flags and voted, did he?—Yes.

7311. And you gave him 3*l.* for that?—Yes.

7312. Then, "John Brown, Campbell Terrace, for watching poles during the election and voting," the same thing?—Yes.

7313. Then, "Robert Brett, York Road, expenses from London and returning, and also voting, loss of time, &c.;" he was to vote for the sum you put down?—Yes.

7314. And Henry Axon, Thomas Smith, Henry Hall, James Clements; each man had 3*l.*?—Two 3*l.* 10*s.*, and Axon 5*l.*; they were brought from sea; one from Stockton and the other from his boat at Folkstone.

7315. They were all to vote for their money?—Yes.

7316. "Hire of store, use of ropes, &c., and painting flags, 2*l.*;" what is that?—For my own store; I charged that for it.

7317. Did Mr. Rose hire it of you?—Yes, under his directions.

7318. Did anybody hire it of you?—No; I charge for it.

7319. Then there is "Personal expenses 1*l.* 10*s.*;" what is that?—For writing and telegraphing, and different things during the election; and I spent a little on different people.

7320. Have you got any account of that?—No.

7321. There is an item for making flags and bows. You keep a public-house, do you not?—Yes.

7322. Is it part of your ordinary business to make flags and bows?—No; it is for different people. I can give the receipts for them. There are the vouchers (*handing same*).

7323. I see there is "Mrs. George Coleman, received 1*l.* 10*s.* for making flags and bows;" and "Mrs. Axon, received 1*l.* 10*s.* for making flags and bows," and some other of the same description. Did they all receive 1*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes; they were employed during the election. I treated them all alike. Some of their husbands were at sea at the time, and they came home and voted.

7324. Most of them are ladies?—They are all ladies.

7325. Wives of voters, I suppose?—Four of them; two are not; one is a widow woman.

7326. Did they really make flags and bows?—Yes, a great many; they were employed all the time nearly, mending the different things.

7327. Is that all that you have got?—That is all that I have got.

7328. In connection with the election?—Yes. I did not get it for a long time after the election. I was not paid till eight or nine days after the election. I advanced a little on them, but I received it again. That paper accounts for the money I had.

7329. You had no more than that?—No, nothing else.

7330. From neither side?—From neither side.

W. J. Miller.

WILLIAM JOHN MILLER sworn and examined.

7331. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—Lower Walmer.

7332. What is your occupation?—Fly proprietor.

7333. What did you have at this election?—9*l.*

7334. From whom?—Mr. Rose.

7335. What was that for; what did you do with it?—Paid three voters.

7336. Have you got the list of them?—Yes (*handing same*).

7337. Were those 3*l.* paid to each of them for their votes?—Yes.

7338. Was that all that you received at the election?—Every farthing.

7339. Nothing else at all?—Nothing else whatever.

J. W. Betts.

JOHN WILLIAM BETTS sworn and examined.

7340. Where do you live?—99, Middle Street.

7341. I suppose you are a pilot?—Yes.

7342. How much did you have?—I received 15*l.*

7343. Who from?—Mr. Evans.

7344. What did you do with it?—I spent it.

7345. How, have you a list?—Yes (*handing same*).

7346. You have written here, "I gave each of these men 3*l.* to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts," and there are five men. Is that so?—It is.

7347. Is that all you received in connection with the election?—I had 6*l.* to canvas.

7348. Who gave you that?—Mr. Olds.

7349. And is that all?—That is all.

GEORGE PHILPOT sworn and examined.

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7350. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 5, Alexandra Cottages.

7351. What is your occupation?—A boatman.

7352. What did you receive at the election?—6*l.* for canvassing.

7353. Who from?—Mr. Olds.

7354. Anything else?—21*l.* from Mr. Evans the morning of the election for seven people.

7355. Have you their names?—Yes, there is the list (*handing same*).

7356. You gave 3*l.* to each of these voters?—Just so.

7357. Was that for their votes?—Yes.

7358. Was that all that you received?—Every farthing.

THOMAS ADAMS sworn and examined.

T. Adams.

7359. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—7, Farrier Street.

7360. What are you?—A boatman.

7361. What did you have?—21*l.*

7362. Who from?—6*l.* from Mr. Olds and 15*l.* from Mr. Evans.

7363. What was the 6*l.* for?—Canvassing.

7364. What did you do with the 15*l.*?—Distributed it among five people.

7365. Give me your list, please?—There it is (*handing same*).

7366. Did you give them this money for their votes?—Yes.

7367. Did you have anything else at this election?—No.

7368. Nothing else at all?—No.

7369. Not a sixpence?—No, nor yet a half-penny. I wish I had had some more. I did not have quite enough.

7370. Well, the election is past and gone now?—Yes, I am very sorry, I shall not get any more for a day or two.

RALPH ERRIDGE sworn and examined.

R. Erridge.

7371. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—6, Bulwark Row.

7372. What are you?—A waterman.

7373. What did you have?—I had 12*l.*

7374. Who from?—From Mr. Evans.

7375. What did you do with it?—Give it them four men (*handing paper*).

7376. Where does Love live?—I do not know him. He lives up back of the town somewhere or another.

7377. You do not know where he lives?—No. You see I was only a messenger.

7378. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is he, do you know, a boatman?—No, a pikey, or something of that sort.

7379. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Does anybody know where he lives.

(*A voice.*) West Street.

7380. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Langley?—He is a sawyer.

7381. Where does he live?—They are all strangers to me.

(*A voice.*) Cannon Street.

7382. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Mummery?—I think he lives up Rising Sun Alley.

7383. The next name is Sawyers, a grocer, where does he live?—He lives at the top of Middle Street.

7384. Are you a voter yourself?—Yes.

7385. Did you get anything more besides this 12*l.*?—Not from Evans.

7386. Who did you get it from?—Spears.

7387. What did Spears give you?—3*l.*

6388. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

7389. This money was given to them, I suppose, to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.

7390. Did you get anything else besides this 12*l.* and this 3*l.*?—I have had 5*s.* from Nicholls.

7391. What is that for?—That was for being a messenger on election day.

7392. We have heard that you carried 12*l.* to four men. Did you carry any other message?—Yes, several others. I ran about all day, and got 5*s.* for it.

7393. 5*s.* a day, or altogether?—5*s.* on that day.

7394. Election day?—Election day.

7395. That was all that you received was it?—Yes, every farthing that I received.

WILLIAM JAMES JONATHAN MOSE sworn and examined.

W. J. J. Mose.

7396. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A coach-maker.

7397. Where do you live?—4, Portland Terrace.

7398. What money did you receive?—I was at breakfast on election morning, and a man of the name of Wilmshurst brought me 5*l.*, for me and my son, from Mr. Ramell. I never asked Mr. Ramell for anything of the kind, and did not expect anything. He left it with me, and I put it in my pocket. I offered it to my son and he would not take it, so I said, "If you do not I will take the lot," and put it in my pocket.

7399. The whole 6*l.*?—Yes.

7400. Did you vote?—I did.

7401. Did Wilmshurst tell you what it was for?—He said Mr. Ramell had sent it, and nothing more.

7402. Did he say why he had sent it?—No.

7403. Did you not know what it was for?—I really guessed what it was for.

7404. Did your son vote?—I believe he did. I do not know.

7405. (*Mr. Holl.*) You knew it was to vote for the Liberal side?—Yes.

7406. (*Mr. Turner.*) And you did?—Yes.

7407. Had you nothing more?—Nothing more.

7408. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is Wilmshurst's Christian name?—Thomas.

7409. (*Mr. Turner.*) What is he?—He is a shopmate of mine.

7410. You are a working coach-maker?

THOMAS BEDWELL sworn and examined.

T. Bedwell.

7411. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A farmer.

7412. Where do you live?—12, Union Street.

7413. What money did you have?—5*l.*

7414. From whom?—From Mr. Outwin.

7415. What was it given to you for?—For my man Denne who works for me.

7416. To give to him?—Yes.

7417. Why was he to have it?—He was working for me. Of course he could not get any money from the other side, he had a vote, so I saw Mr. Outwin, or rather

Mr. Outwin saw me, and that is what he had for his vote.

7418. Did the other side give him money?—No, he did not have any money from the other side.

7419. Did he vote?—Yes.

7420. What is Denne's Christian name?—John or Jack; I do not know which.

7421. Where does he live?—Middle Deal; Verner's cottages; I think it is No. 1.

FREDERICK FRANCIS WILMSHURST sworn and examined.

F. F. Wilmshurst.

7422. (*Mr. Holl.*) Are you a shopmate of Mose?—No.

7423. What are you?—A wheelwright.

7424. Where do you live?—2, Wellington Place.

7425. What money did you have?—I received 3*l.* on the morning of the election.

7426. From whom?—Thomas Wilmshurst.

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7427. What was that for?—I suppose it was for a present to go a holiday with; it was holiday day.
7428. It was for your vote, was it not?—Well, I suppose it was.
7429. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Which side were you to vote for?
7430. (*Mr. Holl.*) The Liberals or Conservatives?—The Liberals.

H. Everidge.

7435. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.
7436. Where do you live?—No. 6, Coppen Street.
7437. What money did you receive?—3*l.*
7438. Who from?—From Robert Jones.
7439. Where does he live?—He lives at the "Sir Sydney Smith."

R. Read.

7445. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A miller.
7446. Where do you live?—No. 2., Brewer Street.
7447. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
7448. How much?—3*l.*
7449. Who from?—Mr. Roberts.
7450. What for?—Well, I do not know what for, but I expect it was for voting. I did not know nothing about no money or nothing else until after I had given the paper. I did not know nothing about any paper until afterwards. I suppose that is what it was for, I do not know; I cannot say any further.
7451. He told you he would give you something?—Yes. Some little time after I voted he called me up, and, to my surprise—I think I signed my hand—he gave me sovereigns; I did not know nothing about it until afterwards.
7452. He had asked you for your vote before, had he not?—Certainly he had asked me, but he did not say,

7431. And you voted?—Yes, I voted.
7432. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Is Thomas Wilmshurst any relation of yours?—He is my father.
7433. (*Mr. Holl.*) Is he here now?—I am not aware of that.
7434. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where does he live?—2, Portland Terrace.

HENRY ERRIDGE sworn and examined.

7440. What did he give you 3*l.* for?—For my vote, I suppose.
7441. To vote for whom?—Mr. Roberts.
7442. You took the 3*l.*?—Yes.
7443. And you voted, I suppose?—Yes.
7444. Did you receive any other money at all besides that?—Not a farthing of no one.

RICHARD READ sworn and examined.

"Now, if you vote, you shall have 3*l.*," or nothing of that kind. I had no idea of nothing of the kind until afterwards.
7453. He said if you voted he would do the best he could for you?—No, I do not think he did; no further than he come and says he wished me to vote. I said, "I do not know, I have had the blues, and I don't care which I vote for, not the least."
7454. He said, "You had better vote for my candidate"?—I think he did. "Well," I said, "I will." No more was said.
7455. Then you voted for whom?—For Mr. Roberts, I suppose.
7456. Are you sure?—Yes.
7457. You had had the blues?—I do not know, I'm sure. I know perfectly well I had the 3*l.*
7458. Is that all you have had?—Yes, that is every farthing I have had.

W. Irvine.

WILLIAM IRVINE sworn and examined.

7459. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.
7460. Where do you live?—I live in Coppen Street, No. 7.
7461. What money did you receive?—3*l.*
7462. Who from?—Mr. Robert Jones.
7463. What for?—I suppose for my vote.
7464. To vote for whom?—To vote for Mr. Roberts.
7465. You did vote?—Yes.

7466. And you got your 3*l.*?—Yes.
7467. Is that all you got; have you received any other money?—That was all. I was promised 2*l.* more, but I did not get it.
7468. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Who promised you the 2*l.* more?—Mr. Jones.
7469. He promised you 5*l.*, and you got 3*l.*?—Yes, that is it.

W. W. Mose.

WILLIAM WALTER MOSE sworn and examined.

7470. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—An assistant.
7471. To whom?—Mr. James Smith, oil and colour-man.
7472. Do you live with your father?—Yes.
7473. Where does your father live?—West Street.
7474. What money had you in this election?—None.
7475. Your father, we heard, had 6*l.* given to him?—I believe he did.

7476. Did he not offer you any?—It was offered to me, and I did not accept it.
7477. Are you a voter?—Yes.
7478. You have had nothing?—No, and I did not require anything.
7479. (*Mr. Holl.*) There is more credit due to you than to most people.

G. Town.

GEORGE TOWN sworn and examined.

7480. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A chimney sweep.
7481. Where do you live?—39, High Street.
7482. What money did you receive in this election?—I did not receive anything. My daughter did. She received 3*l.* for my vote.
7483. Did she give it to you?—No, she brought it to me, and I shared it among them. I had 1*l.* out of it myself, and her and her mother had 1*l.* apiece.
7484. You had 1*l.* yourself, and your daughter and wife had the 2*l.* Each of you had 1*l.*?—Yes, we had three parts.
7485. But it was given to you for your vote?—It was to given her.
7486. Who gave it to her?—She says, "Mr. Outwin's little boy brought it out to you."
7487. Had you any more?—No, not a farthing.
7488. When was it given to you; before you voted?—No, it was after I come and voted. He told my

daughter as soon as she got the vote, if she came, they would give her 5*l.*
7489. Then he told you before you voted that if you voted you would get it?—I never see them. I went and voted according to my own account.
7490. (*Mr. Holl.*) I suppose she told you that he had told her that if you voted you would get the 5*l.*?—Yes, and he only gave me 3*l.*
7491. Then you voted accordingly?—Yes, I did.
7492. You got 3*l.*?—I did not get none, only as I say. She brought 3*l.*, and they shared it among them.
7493. (*Mr. Turner.*) That is all you have had?—That is all I have had. If you look at this sheet of paper (*handing same*), you will see that it says I got ever so much more. That is what I cut out of the newspaper. 35*l.* he has put it on that.
7494. (*Mr. Jeune.*) We will set that right for you. It is 3*l.*, and not 35*l.*?—Yes.
7495. All the world knows that?—I only got 3*l.*

THOMAS WILMSHURST sworn and examined.

T. Wilmshurst.

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7496. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A coachsmith.
 7497. Where do you live?—2, Portland Terrace.
 7498. What money did you receive?—On my own account, 3*l.*
 7499. That was for your vote?—No, I never received a farthing for a vote in my life.
 7500. What did you receive it for?—For the hire of a room.
 7501. Did they have a room in your house?—Well, I don't think they did, not to my knowledge. That was the object. We all know the object of such things. That was the word's name.
 7502. The word's name was that you were to have 3*l.* for the hire of your room?—I was asked if I had a room to let, and I said, Yes.
 7503. Who asked you?—The man I received the money from.
 7504. Who was that?—Mr. Ramell.
 7505. He asked you if you would take 3*l.* for the hire of your room?—Yes.
 7506. They did not have the room?—No, I do not think they did; not while I was about at any rate.
 7507. You had 3*l.*?—Yes.
 7508. You knew it was given to you for your vote, did you not?—I suppose it was; it was intended for that most likely.
 7509. You knew that at the time; of course you did. What else did you have?—Well, on the morning of election I met him, and he said, "Here is two or three pounds, will you take this to Mose?"

- 7510-11. How much was that?—3*l.* "Mose, junior" and Frederick Wilmshurst?" I said Yes, and I took it and delivered it to them.
 7512. That was to vote?—I do not know what it was for any more than you do. It was put into my hands, and I was asked if I would do the favour of taking it to them. I had no communication with them whatever on any subject.
 7513. You knew that this 3*l.* came from Mr. Ramell?—Yes, he gave it to me.
 7514. You knew he was an active party on the Liberal side?—Yes.
 7515. You knew perfectly well that this money was given to them for their votes?—I suppose it was, I could not tell; most likely it was, but I could not tell; I had no communication with them; I never asked them the question.
 7516. What is the use of telling us such a story as that. You knew perfectly well it was for their votes, and you took the money to them?—I took the money to them.
 7517. And gave it to them?—Yes.
 7518. You gave 6*l.* to the father, Mose senior, and 3*l.* to Frederick Wilmshurst, and they took it?—Yes.
 7519. Did you tell them what it was for?—No.
 7520. What did you say to them?—I told them Mr. Ramell had sent this; that is all I said to them, and they to me.
 7521. They have told us what it was for, and they took it?—They knew what it was for.

Adjourned for a short time.

WILLIAM GEORGE DENNE sworn and examined.

W. G. Denne.

7522. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A greengrocer.
 7523. Where do you live?—At 148, Beach Street.
 7524. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 7525. Who from?—From Mr. Robert Jones, of the "Sir Sydney Smith."
 7526. How much did you receive?—3*l.*
 7527. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

7528. To vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.
 7529. I will not ask you which way you voted, but you did vote?—Yes.
 7530. Did you receive any other money at all?—No.
 7531. Not from anyone?—Not from anyone.
 7532. You are sure you received nothing more from anyone?—Yes.

FREDERICK HONESS sworn and examined.

F. Honess.

7533. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Shoemaker.
 7534. Where do you live?—No. 2, Coppen Street.
 7535. What did you receive?—I had 3*l.* from Mr. Jones.
 7536. Was that to vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.
 7537. You voted?—I voted.

7538. And got your 3*l.*?—From Mr. Roberts, and I got 2*l.* promised, but I did not get that.
 7539. Did you get any more?—I only got 3*l.*; I was promised another 2*l.*
 7540. Did you receive anything more beyond that 3*l.*?—No.

FREDERICK JOHN THOMAS CASPELL sworn and examined.

F. J. T. Caspell.

7541. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—14a, Farrier Street.
 7542. What are you?—A boatman.
 7543. Did you receive any money during this election?—Yes.
 7544. How much?—3*l.*
 7545. From whom?—Mr. Jones.
 7546. Was it for your vote?—Yes, for the Conservatives, and I was promised 2*l.*

7547. You were promised 2*l.* more?—Yes.
 7548. You did not get that?—No, I want that.
 7549. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Long may you want it?—It is a difficult case about that 2*l.*
 7550. (*Mr. Holl.*) Is that all that you got?—That is all. I came about 150 miles after that, and it was blowing easterly up the channel. If I had known, he would not have had me home for that.

JAMES TROLLOPE sworn and examined.

J. Trollope.

7551. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A builder.
 7552. Where do you live?—Grove house, Lower Walmer.
 7553. What did you receive?—38*l.* altogether; in two lots I think it was.
 7554. From whom?—From Mr. Rose.
 7555. What were the lots, pray?—Let me state first a little about it. I had got information from one of my men that the Conservatives were about, and were trying to bribe them. I went round and saw Mr. Rose about it, and he said it was a pity, but that I should try to hold them on for a time.
 7556. Perhaps you will answer my question first. You received these two amounts in two lots?—Yes.
 7557. What was the amount of each lot?—I cannot say exactly; I think one was 12*l.*, and the other was 26*l.*

7558. What did you do with it?—I used it for the purpose for what it was given to me for.
 7559. What was that?—That was to pay my men 3*l.* each, if they would take it, rather than take the 5*l.* which a great many of them was offered by the Conservatives, else I should have had nothing to do with it.
 7560. It was to pay your men 3*l.* each, if they would take it?—If they would take it, rather than vote for the Conservatives, I can assure you I had a hard job to get some of them to take it.
 7561. When did you hear this about your men?—I think it was about the same time that Sir Julian came down.
 7562. You had heard that the Conservatives had offered 5*l.*?—My men told me so, and I daresay, if they were here, they would tell you the same; some were

J. Trollope. offered 8*l.*; in fact, some were so audacious that they came into my place during working hours to solicit votes which is a thing ungentlemanly; they might have waited until the men had done their work. There were one or two Conservatives, and some I asked what they were, and they were Liberals; a man ought to go as he likes.

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7563. Did you distribute this 12*l.* among your men on the day of the election?—That I did out of my own pocket, before I got anything.

7564. You paid them 3*l.* yourself before you got anything?—Yes, the same day, and I was running rather short, and, I think, Mr. Rose gave me the remainder the next day.

7565. The 26*l.* ?—Yes.

7566. How was that applied; have you got a list?—Yes, I have a list of all of them, and here are the vouchers of the men who had the money. (*Handing some papers.*)

7567. There are eight 3*l.* I make out here?—That is for Deal voters.

7568. Walmer parish there are three three pounders, making 33*l.* Then there is paid for refreshments 18*s.*, four dozen rosettes 1*l.* 16*s.*, three flags including making and writing 1*l.* 10*s.*, three flags erecting and taking down same 1*l.*, making 5*l.* 4*s.* That is 38*l.* 4*s.* Is that all you received?—I received 38*l.*

7569. Then you spent 4*s.* out of your own?—Yes, I took the men to vote; that you have on the list.

7570. Who did these men who received 3*l.* promise to vote for?—They promised me they would not take any money from the Conservatives, and would vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

7571. Did you have any other money at all?—No, nothing at all, I am out of pocket, I think, somewhere about 5*l.* altogether. I think I sent in a very modest sum for three guineas, and that they could not pay for the poles, I supplied all the poles for Lower Walmer, and as you have heard there was quite a forest of them.

R. Hood.

ROBERT HOOD sworn and examined.

7580. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A North Sea pilot.

7581. Where do you live when you are ashore?—Farrier Street.

7582. What money did you receive at this election?—3*l.*

7583. From whom?—Mr. Jones.

7584. What was that for?—To go on the continent with.

7585. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You did not go on the continent? Yes, I went.

7586. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did not you vote?—I did vote.

7587. At the election here?—Yes.

7588. Was not that your continent?—That was not my continent.

7572. (*Mr. Holl.*) These are the receipts?—Yes, those are the receipts for the money. I took the management of the men myself. We got the bows, and we put up our own poles.

7573. I want to ask you one question; you say they solicited the Conservatives to vote at your place as early as the time when Sir Julian Goldsmid came down, but are you right in saying that at that time you heard anything about bribery; was not the bribery later?—We heard, but I do not know whether it was true or not, that bribery was going on at the commencement; it is the first transaction I have heard of the kind.

7574. You heard that there was bribery?—But I do not know whether it is true; you cannot speak by rumours.

7575. Paid for refreshments, 18*s.* ?—That is on the day of the election. I took my own men, with my own horse and trap, because I knew there were such temptations laid before the men if you do not look after them; and you must expect it, especially when they have a lot of little children, and not doing much, a man perhaps earning 1*l.* a week.

7576. Was that 18*s.* for treating your men?—I was no paid canvasser, and I had nothing for no committee room, although my house was used. I gave them my time.

7577. Do you find that men in that position are open to be bought?—No, not all.

7578. Most of them?—There is a lot of men who do not know nothing about politics, they merely hold out both hands, and whoever will put the most in, some will go and vote; and some are not so good as that, because they will take from both sides. When others come and hear that this man is going Liberal, and going to be paid for it, the other will say, "I am Liberal, why should not I be paid, as well as the other man?" That is my experience, and I have had a little of it.

7579. With regard to the majority of them, do you find that men in that position are open to be bought?—The lowest of them are.

7589. Had not the 3*l.* something to do with the election?—A little bit.

7590. What was it; what had it to do with the election?—To seek employment.

7591. Was not the 3*l.* given to you for your vote?—It possibly was.

7592. And you voted accordingly?—I did. I was promised some more, but I do not know how to get it.

7593. Did they promise you another 2*l.* ?—Halfway.

7594. After you had voted, did you go on the continent?—I did, and was there a month.

7595. Did you go to Paris, or where?—Further east than that.

7596. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive any more money at all, besides that 3*l.* ?—No, not one fraction.

J. Denne.

JOHN DENNE sworn and examined.

7597. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

7598. Where do you live?—In Middle Deal.

7599. Did you receive any money in this election?—Yes.

7600. What?—5*l.*

7601. Who from?—Mr. Bedwell.

7602. When did he give it to you?—On the morning of the election.

7603. What for?—To go and vote.

7604. In a particular way?—Yes.

7605. To vote for whom?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.

7606. Did you do that?—Yes.

7607. Have you had any more?—No.

7608. Did he pay you the 5*l.* before or after the election?—After.

7609. And you told him you would vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

7610. Had you any more money from anybody?—No.

H. Elliott.

HENRY ELLIOTT sworn and examined.

7611. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pensioner.

7612. What were you?—In the army.

7613. Where do you live?—36, Gladstone Road.

7614. Did you receive any money in this election?—I received from my daughter from Mr. Usher, 2*l.* 16*s.* for making bows, and she had to pay 1*l.* 4*s.* for material.

7615. Mr. Usher paid your daughter, or paid you through your daughter, 2*l.* 16*s.* ?—Yes, for the rosettes.

7616. What did you pay for making them up?—I gave my daughter the whole of the money, and she went and paid her bill, and then she had 1*l.* 12*s.* left for herself. I never had a penny of it.

7617. Had you anything more?—Nothing.

7618. Mr. Usher brought or sent you that?—Yes.

7619. Are you a voter?—I am a voter.

7620. Was anything said about your vote?—Not a word. I never received a penny for my vote.

WILLIAM DADD sworn and examined.

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7621. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fisherman.
 7622. Do you live in Deal?—Yes.
 7623. Where?—152, High Street, Deal.
 7624. What money did you receive?—3*l.*
 7625. From whom?—Robert Jones.
 7626. What for?—For my vote, I suppose.
 7627. Did you vote?—Yes.
 7628. For whom?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 7629. Did you receive the money before you voted?—Yes.

7630. Have you received any more money?—No; I would not have any more.
 7631. How much did he offer you?—I would not have any more money.
 7632. Did he say anything about more money?—Yes, he promised me 2*l.*, but I would not have that.
 7633. Has he ever offered it to you?—No, and I did not want him to. I told him I would not have it.
 7634. You thought 3*l.* was the value of your vote?—No; I could not get it, that is the reason I would not have it.

HENRY ALFRED FRANCIS sworn and examined.

H. A. Francis.

7635. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.
 7636. What is your house?—The "Locomotive."
 7637. Where is that?—West Street.
 7638. What did you receive?—5*l.*
 7639. From whom?—Mr. Olds.
 7640. What was that for?—Committee room.
 7641. For your committee room?—Yes.
 7642. Did you receive anything more?—No.
 7643. Nothing more than that?—No.
 7644. Are you a voter?—Yes.
 7645. You voted as Mr. Olds wished you?—No, he never mentioned it.
 7646. Then all you had was 5*l.* for your committee room?—That is all.
 7647. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you spend any money on the election?—I might have spent some going about, I will not say anything about that, but I never had a farthing.
 7648. I was not asking you that—I asked you whether you spent any money on the election?—Not as regards treating or anything of that sort.
 7649. Did you treat anybody?—No.
 7650. No one?—No.
 7651. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you pay anybody for their vote?—No.
 7652. Did he have any room in your house?—There was a room—the front room—I cleared it out and it was used once.

7653. Who arranged for that room with you?—Mr. Olds.
 7654. He agreed to pay the 5*l.* for that room?—Yes.
 7655. Did you ask him for more?—I did not ask him for more, he said would 5*l.* be enough during the time the election was on?
 7656. He offered you 5*l.*, he mentioned that himself?—Yes.
 7657. What for, for the room?—Yes, for the use of the room in case they wanted it, those are the words he used.
 7658. Was the room ever used?—I asked whether anyone had been in and they said one or two had come in once or twice, but I was away at work.
 7659. You were away at work, and one or two people came in once or twice, that is all?—Bills were in the window and on the outside of the house.
 7660. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is the rent of your house?—18*l.*
 7661. Did not it strike you as being rather a large sum?—No.
 7662. As being between a third and fourth of your rent for a week?—It was more than a week; we thought it would last a month.
 7663. But it did not?—No, I know it did not.
 7664. It lasted something like a fortnight, did not it?—I do not exactly know the time. I never kept any account.

GILLINAN SMITH sworn and examined.

G. Smith.

7665. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pensioner.
 7666. In the army?—In the navy.
 7667. Where do you live?—96, High Street.
 7668. Did you receive any money?—5*l.* altogether, 4*l.* in money and 1*l.* in goods.
 7669. Who from?—From Mr. Ramell.
 7670. What were the goods for?—For a debt.

7671. That you owed him?—Yes.
 7672. He struck it off?—Yes.
 7673. What was the 4*l.* for?—For the vote.
 7674. To vote for Sir Julian?—Yes.
 7675. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 7676. Did you vote?—Yes.

THOMAS JOHN WOODRUFF sworn and examined.

T. J. Woodruff.

7677. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A butcher.
 7678. Where do you live?—190, High Street.
 7679. What money did you receive?—I received two or three payments for voters from Mr. Hayman.
 7680. How much did you receive altogether?—To the best of my belief I paid three, 9*l.*
 7681. You received 9*l.* you think?—Yes; I may have received one more, but I cannot be quite positive about that.
 7682. You are not quite sure whether it is 9*l.* or 12*l.*?—No.
 7683. You received 9*l.*?—I know 9*l.* certain.
 7684. Who was that from?—From Mr. Hayman.
 7685. What is his Christian name?—William, I think.
 7686. What is he?—He was then the proprietor of the "Pier" tavern.
 7687. You received 9*l.* from him, what was that for?—To pay three voters.
 7688. Have you got their names and addresses?—I can give them to you.
 7689. You have not written them down?—No, he had the list and it is from his list that I paid them.
 7690. Cannot you write down for us their names and addresses?—Yes, I think I know the addresses, it would

be only from memory, but they are all on Mr. Hayman's list.

7691. What is the name of the first?—Wellspring.
 7692. Where does he live?—In George Alley.
 7693. Is that in Deal?—Yes.
 7694. What is his Christian name?—I think it is Barnabas.
 7695. How much did you give him, 3*l.*?—Yes.
 7696. The second?—George Abbott.
 7697. Where does he live?—Water Street.
 7698. What is he?—He is a pensioner.
 7699. What did you give him, 3*l.*, the same?—Yes.
 7700. Who is the third?—Robert Nash.
 7701. What is he?—He is an old waterman.
 7702. Where does he live?—He lives in an alley leading out of Middle Street.
 7703. Do you remember the name of it?—I really do not know the name.
 7704. You gave each of those men 3*l.* to vote?—Yes.
 7705. For whom?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 7706. As far as you know they voted?—Yes.
 7707. Can you remember whether you did receive a fourth 3*l.* or not?—No, I cannot, because I am not sure

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about that; if I did receive it, it was for one of Mr. Hayman's promises on his list.

7708. If you did receive it who did you pay it to?—That I do not know. I cannot tell you.

7709. Besides that did you receive any money at all in connexion with the election?—None whatever.

7710. And you did not pay anybody that you know of besides those three or four men, whichever it was—three you have mentioned?—Three I mentioned, but there might be another of them. I assisted on the day of the election.

7711. Had you any account against either of the candidates for goods supplied?—I supplied Mr. Roberts, as a tradesman, while he was living at Stanley House, Beach Street.

S. Snoswell.

SETH SNOSWELL sworn and examined.

7716. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—I am a pensioner.
7717. Where do you live?—14, Prince's Street, Deal.

7718. What money have you received?—I received 5*l.* from Mr. Ramell.

7719. What for, to vote?—Before the election I asked them if they could not put me into some place where I could get a pound, or pay me for my services, and they told me the day Sir Julian Goldsmid came down in the Congregational School they would put my name down. I asked them what was I to do, and they said I was to attend the committee room, and I should be paid for my services.

7720. You were to stay in the committee room?—Yes, I was to attend the committee room during the election, and I received 5*l.* for it.

7721. Did you attend the committee room?—I did every day.

7722. I suppose you stopped there all day long?—Nearly all day long.

7723. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where was this committee room?—In the "Star and Garter."

7724. You had something to drink occasionally?—No, I do not think I had one pennyworth of drink in the house.

7725. Do not you?—No.

7726. (*Mr. Holl.*) Besides staying at the committee room, did you do anything?—I did just what I was told. I took a letter, or paper, or anything else.

7727. How many times a day did you go out?—I took them several times.

7728. I suppose you are a voter?—Yes, and a staunch Blue.

7729. Somebody gave you 5*l.* as a reward?—I never was asked for my vote, and never was offered anything for my vote. All I know is they gave me 5*l.*

7730. You say you went and asked for employment?—I did.

7731. How many days did you attend there?—Every day during the election.

7732. How many days was that?—I do not know; six or seven, I suppose.

J. Horne.

JAMES HORNE sworn and examined.

7745. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A market gardener.

7746. Where do you live?—Gladstone Road, Deal.

7747. What money have you received in this election?—45*l.*, from Samuel Olds.

7748. What did you do with it?—There is my account (*handing paper*).

7749. I see you expended 42*l.* of it in paying to 14 men 3*l.* each?—Yes.

7750. Were they voters?—Yes.

7751. And was the money given to them for their votes?—Yes.

7712. Did you have anything to do with the out-voters?—I assisted the whole day of the election. I assisted in getting any voters we could to vote.

7713. You know what I mean by out-voters—voters at a distance—had you anything to do with getting or paying them?—I assisted in going out in the country and taking them back again.

7714. Did you pay any expenses of the different voters?—If they asked me to stand treat I was not particular, but what I did was out of my own pocket—I made no charge for it.

7715. There was no particular out-voter to whom you paid any expenses?—No, none whatever.

7733. You say you made no bargain about your vote?—No.

7734. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did they tell you they would give you 5*l.*?—Yes.

7735. At the meeting?—No.

7736. At the end of it?—At the latter end of it they said I was to have 5*l.*

7737. (*Mr. Holl.*) When did you first hear that you were to have 5*l.*?—A day or two before the election.

7738. They said you were to have 5*l.* for your services; that is a good deal for six or seven days?—I do not know what it was for. Perhaps they thought so much for my services, and so much for voting. I cannot say that.

7739. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You thought the vote counted for something, did you not?—Well, perhaps it might. I do not know. I cannot say.

7740. (*Mr. Holl.*) You say you suppose they thought some was for your vote, and some for your services, did not you think so too?—It is more than I expected certainly.

7741. (*Mr. Jeune.*) It is not more than you think you deserved?—Well, sir, I was very glad to have it.

7742. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did they never speak to you about your vote?—Never. No man never asked me which way I was going, but no doubt they knew that I should go that side as they knew I was Liberal all my lifetime. I voted for Mr. Gladstone, I voted for Admiral Stewart, I voted for Mr. Alderman Salomons, and I voted for two or three besides in Greenwich. I have always been a Blue all my lifetime, and I am not ashamed of it. I am ashamed this thing has come forward, that I am, Sir.

7743. (*Mr. Holl.*) Are you quite sure your vote was not in any way influenced. I did not know you were even paid for your vote?—I do not know. I received 5*l.*, and that is all I know about it.

7744. Was your vote in no way influenced at all?—I never had no one ask me a question about it. I suppose they thought as I belonged to the Liberals I would not go. I would not turn my coat for any man.

G. J. Macey

GEORGE JOHN MACEY sworn and examined.

7757. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A brickmaker.

7758. Where do you live?—Mill Road.

7759. What money did you receive?—3*l.*

7760. From whom?—From Mr. Bales.

7761. Do you know who he is?—He is a clerk, I think.

7762. To whom?—To Mr. Denne.

7763. When did he give it to you?—It might have been two days after the election in Queen Street.

7764. He had said something to you before about it, I suppose?—I told him I expected the same as other people had.

7765. What did he say?—He said I should have the same as others.

7766. And you had the 3*l*.?—Yes.
 7767. Did you vote?—Yes.
 7768. Are you a Liberal or a Conservative?—I voted for Mr. Roberts.
 7769. Had you any more than that?—No.

JAMES WOODLANDS sworn and examined.

7774. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A smith.
 7775. Where do you live?—11, Oak Street.
 7776. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 7777. What was it?—3*l*.
 7778. From whom?—From Mr. Outwin.
 7779. What for?—For my vote.
 7780. That would be for the Liberals?—Yes.

THOMAS BALES sworn and examined.

7785. (*Mr. Turner.*) You are clerk to Mr. Denne the builder—Yes.
 7786. Where do you live?—32, High Street.
 7787. The last witness but one said you brought him 3*l*.?—Yes, or rather he came to me for 3*l*., which amounts to the same thing.
 7788. You gave him 3*l*.?—I gave him 3*l*.
 7789. For his vote?—For his vote.
 7790. And he took it for his vote?—When I say for his vote, I made a direct stipulation with him that I would pay him compensation for the money he had rejected on the other side. Really, I did not intend it for a bribe at the time, but after he had voted as an independent elector, which was the express stipulation I made with him, I then paid him the amount which was due to him.
 7791. He knew he was to be paid the 3*l*. if he voted as an independent elector?—Yes.
 7792. (*Mr. Holl.*) And not for the other side?—No; but you must understand with regard to a working man in this town they have to stand off a great period of the winter owing to the inclemency of the weather, and when they know they can obtain a sum of 3*l*. from the other side I think it shows a sense of integrity for a man to vote for the side he has always voted for without receiving 3*l*. from the other side.

GEORGE HENRY DENNE sworn and examined.

7800. (*Mr. Holl.*) Are you a builder?—Yes.
 7801. You live where?—In Queen Street.
 7802. What money did you receive in connexion with the election?—I received 84*l*.
 7803. From whom?—From Mr. Olds.
 7804. Was that for the purpose of paying the different parties to vote for Mr. Roberts?—Yes.
 7805. You gave that money I think to Mr. Bales?—I gave that money to my clerk, Mr. Bales, to pay the men with.
 7806. Is it correct as he has told us, that you disbursed 72*l*. of it to 24 different persons?—Yes, quite right.
 7807. Did you disburse the other 12*l*. to four others?—To four others myself.
 7808. Have you got a list?—Yes (*handing same*). I put polled at each district, the different names, and the numbers on the register.
 7809. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you give a list of the names to Mr. Bales to whom 74*l*. was given?—Mr. Bales had that list, and I was not aware of the names, but they were handed in and Mr. Bales paid them.
 7810. (*Mr. Holl.*) This contains names besides, does it not?—Those are the names of everyone.
 7811. Does it contain any other names?—None whatever.
 7812. Only those that you paid?—Only those that I paid. 84*l*. was received and 84*l*. was paid to a farthing.
 7813. You have given us the names, addresses, and the numbers on the register?—Everything, so that you should have no further trouble.
 7814. (*Mr. Turner.*) You had no other money besides this 84*l*.?—Not a farthing. I had 6*l*. for canvassing and for being agent for that, but then, of course, I spent a great deal more than that out of my own pocket. I did not have a single farthing for anything, nor would I have it.
 7815. (*Mr. Holl.*) You have not paid anything to anyone except the persons whose names you have handed

7770. (*Mr. Holl.*) Were does Mr. Bales live?—I think he lives in High Street here.
 7771. What number?—I do not know. Just below here.
 7772. Who is he a clerk to?—Mr. Denne.
 7773. Which Mr. Denne?—He is a builder.

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7781. You did vote.—Yes.
 7782. Did you receive the money before the election, or after?—I received it after I had voted.
 7783. After you had promised that you would vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 7784. Did you receive any more money?—No, nothing.

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7793. Without going into your views you gave him 3*l*. to preserve his integrity?—Yes.

7794. (*Mr. Jeune.*) It is a sort of integrity which is extremely like corruption?—That may be, but then you must remember it is nothing short of a hardship to offer him 3*l*. to vote for a Liberal, and then give him nothing on the other hand to vote for a Conservative. Nobody is more opposed to bribery than I am.

7795. (*Mr. Turner.*) We do not want speeches. Did you give 3*l*. on the same principle to anybody else to vote?—Yes. I gave 24 men 3*l*. each. I received on the morning of the election 84*l*.

7796. From whom?—Mr. Denne, my employer.

7797. What did you do with it?—I paid 24 voters at the rate of 3*l*. each, that made 72*l*., and the other 12*l*. Mr. Denne had from me in the course of the day to pay somebody himself.

7798. For preserving their integrity and voting for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes. They knew perfectly well they could have the money on the other side, but they preferred to go the way they always had voted before, and I paid them the money on that consideration.

7799. (*Mr. Holl.*) Now will you give us the names of the gentlemen whose integrity you preserved?—Mr. Denne has their names.

G. H. Denne.

in?—That is all, except out of my own pocket, but that has nothing to do with it.

7816. (*Mr. Turner.*) They are all voters?—Every one.

7817. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you pay any money to anybody out of your own pocket to vote?—No, none whatever, there is the account and you will find each name.

7818. Did you treat anybody?—I might have done, and should a great many more again if I had the opportunity, I daresay; I spent pounds in treating people, in going round about, and going to Sandwich, you cannot go away without expense, and that expense I have borne out of my own pocket. I give you a strict account there of what has been paid.

7819. You say you have given drinks or something to people?—Out of my own pocket I paid for that; for instance, I have gone to Sandwich and I have treated a man to a glass or two of grog or anything of that sort, I do not take any notice, but not with any special purpose.

7820. You did not make any stipulation about their votes when you treated them?—Not with any view.

7821. Your object was to put them in a good humour, and to put them on your side if you could?—It was our duty to do it; we had a first class man on our side, and we meant to get him in.

7822. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You say you will do it again. It is altogether illegal, and if ever there is another election you ought not to do it?—I have had to spend whatever I have spent out of my own pocket. That is the true account which I have given to you.

(*Mr. Holl.*) It is just as bad for the purposes of the election whether you pay it out of your own pocket or not; you lose the seat for your candidate whether you pay it out of your own pocket, or with his money. If there is an election here again you had better be careful, or there will be another petition, and your candidate will lose the seat.

(*The Witness.*) I do not think we shall have the trouble of that.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) That may be; that is not unlikely.

T. H. Finnis.

THOMAS HORNSBY FINNIS sworn and examined.

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7823. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Nothing at all; I have been everything almost a man can be on the water, and followed every profession.

7824. You have been on the water a good deal?—Yes, since I was 12 years of age.

7825. As there is a difficulty about what your profession is, tell us where you live?—5, Ivy Place.

7826. Have you had any money in connexion with the election?—I had 3*l.* from my son.

7827. Was that to vote?—Yes, of course.

7828. To vote which side?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.

7829. You had that from your son?—Yes, I should have voted so if I had not have had it.

7830. He told you he would give you something?—

No, no one told me he would give me anything, and I did not ask him for anything; he had the money to give away, and of course that is natural enough.

7831. When did you get the money; on the morning of the election?—No, a day or two before; I cannot recollect what time; I think it was the day before.

7832. Are you sure about that?—No, I cannot be certain whether it was the day before, or two days before.

7833. It was before you voted?—Yes.

7834. He gave it to you to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

7835. And you voted?—Yes.

7836. Was that all you did?—Yes.

C. J. Verstage.

CHARLES JOHN VERSTAGE sworn and examined.

7837. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

7838. Where do you live?—22, Griffin Street.

7839. Did you have any money?—Yes, 5*l.* from Mr. Outwin.

7840. What was that for; for your vote?—I do not know; I suppose so.

7841. When did you have it?—Election day.

7842. Before you voted?—No, after I voted.

7943. He told you he would do what he could for you if you voted?—Yes.

7944. You voted, and he gave you the money?—Yes.

7945. Have you received anything beyond that 5*l.*?—No.

A. H. Norris.

ALFRED HENRY NORRIS sworn and examined.

7846. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—135, Middle Street.

7847. What are you?—At the tin plate works.

7848. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

7849. How much?—42*l.*

7850. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.

7851. What did you do with it?—I will very soon show you (*handing a paper*).

7852. There are 14 men here to whom you gave 3*l.* apiece, is that it?—Yes.

7853. For their votes?—Yes.

7854. Did you pay them after or before the election?—Before the election.

7855. Who were they to vote for?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.

7856. Had you anything for yourself?—If you look at the bottom of the list you will see my name.

7857. Are you a voter?—Yes; all of them got 3*l.*

7858. Including yourself?—Yes.

7859. Had you no more?—No.

7860. Nothing else at all?—No.

7861. As far as you know, all these men down here were voters, and they got 3*l.* apiece?—Yes, every one.

R. Redman.

ROBERT REDMAN sworn and examined.

7862. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Clerk of works.

7863. Where do you live?—No. 2, Middle Street.

7864. What money did you receive?—3*l.*

7865. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.

7866. What was that for?—To put in my pocket, I suppose.

7867. What was understood as to the 3*l.*?—Nothing was understood whatever.

7868. What were you to do for it?—I had been running about for him for some time.

7869. It had nothing to do with your vote, do you mean?—It had not.

7870. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7871. How did you vote?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.

7872. Do you mean to say that the 3*l.* had nothing to do with your vote?—No, he did not tamper with my vote.

7873. Was it not given in consideration of your being a voter for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—No, I considered not; my boy was a private messenger too.

7874. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When did you get the 3*l.*?—The day of the election.

7875. Before you voted or after?—Before.

7876. What did Mr. Outwin say to you?—He told me I had been doing a lot of work, running about, and I might as well have a pound or two as well as anybody else.

7877. So you took it?—Yes.

7878. It had something to do with your vote; 3*l.* was the regular price for a vote, was it not, at that time?—I think some had more.

7879. Most of the votes were given for that?—Yes.

7880. The 3*l.* was for your vote, was it not?—You may put it down as such if you like.

7881. (*Mr. Holl.*) Your boy got paid besides, did he not?—Yes, I think he had 10*s.* besides.

7882. You know that the 3*l.* was intended for your vote; it is as well to say it at once?—You may put it down so if you like.

D.A. Reynolds.

DUNCAN ALEXANDER REYNOLDS sworn and examined.

7883. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—French interpreter without employment.

7884. Where do you live?—9, Brewery Street, Deal, is my positive residence.

7885. What money did you receive?—4*l.* 10*s.*

7886. From whom?—It was paid in three different payments.

7887. From whom did you get it?—Different people. First, I was paid by Baxter, junior, one of the clerks.

7888. How much did he pay to you?—I cannot say what I was paid at that time; it amounts to 4*l.* 10*s.* altogether.

7889. What was it paid you for?—At the rate of 6*d.* an hour for work as clerkship, and 1*s.* a day besides, and the time sheet was made out per day at so many hours.

7890. Do you mean to say you got paid for nothing but work?—No, I did not.

7891. Are you a voter?—No, I am not.

ROBERT SPRATLING sworn and examined.

R. Spratling.

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7892. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 7893. Where do you live?—169, Beach Street, Deal.
 7894. What money did you receive?—3*l.*
 7895. From whom?—From Henry Spears.
 7896. What was it for?—For my vote, I suppose.
 7897. When did he pay you?—Upon the election morning before it came off.
7898. Before you voted?—Yes.
 7899. You understood that you were to vote for Mr. Roberts?—Yes.
 7900. Had you any more money from anybody?—No.
 7901. Is that all you had?—Yes, that is all.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

EIGHTH DAY.

October 13th, 1880.

GEORGE FITTALL sworn and examined.

G. Fittall.

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7902. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labouring man.
 7903. Where do you live?—Church Street, Upper Walmer.
 7904. Did you receive any money at the election?—Yes, 3*l.*
 7905. From whom was that?—William Minter, of the "Drum" Inn.
7906. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 7907. To vote for the Liberals?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 7908. And you did?—Yes, from my heart.
 7909. Did you receive any other money besides that?—No, not one farthing.

FREDERICK FISHER sworn and examined.

F. Fisher.

7910. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labouring man.
 7911. Where do you live?—At Walmer—Church Street, Upper Walmer.
 7912. How much did you receive at the election?—3*l.*
 7913. Was that from William Minter?—Yes.
7914. Have you voted?—Yes.
 7915. For the Liberals?—Yes.
 7916. And you voted?—Yes.
 7917. Did you receive any other money?—No.

JAMES RALPH sworn and examined.

J. Ralph.

7918. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labouring man.
 7919. Where do you live?—Church Street, Upper Walmer.
 7920. How much did you receive?—3*l.*
 7921. From William Minter?—Yes.
7922. That, I suppose, was for your vote?—Yes.
 7923. For the Liberals?—Yes.
 7924. And you voted?—Yes.
 7925. Did you receive anything more?—No.

JOSHUA DAVIDSON sworn and examined.

J. Davidson.

7926. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labouring man.
 7927. Where do you live?—Church Street, Upper Walmer.
 7928. How much did you receive?—I received 3*l.*
 7929. From William Minter?—Yes.
7930. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 7931. And you voted?—Yes, I voted for them.
 7932. Did you receive anything more?—No, I received nothing more from anyone.

JOHN AUSTIN sworn and examined.

J. Austin.

7933. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 7934. Where do you live?—Church Street, Upper Walmer.
 7975. What did you receive?—3*l.*
7936. From William Minter?—Yes.
 7937. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 7938. You voted?—Yes.
 7939. Is that all you received?—Yes.

WILLIAM TERRY sworn and examined.

W. Terry.

7940. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Only a hard working man, the same as the rest.
 7951. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a Liberal?—Yes.
 7942. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Church Street, Upper Walmer.
7943. How much did you get?—3*l.*
 7944. From William Minter?—Yes.
 7945. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 7946. You voted?—Yes.
 7947. Is that all you received?—Yes, every penny.

EDWARD WILLIAM DREW sworn and examined.

E. W. Drew.

7948. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A road man.
 7949. Where do you live?—Church Street, Upper Walmer.
 7950. How much did you receive?—3*l.*
 7951. From William Minter?—Yes.
7952. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 7953. You voted?—Yes.
 7954. And is that all you have had?—Yes, that is all I had.

JAMES NEWING sworn and examined.

J. Newing.

7955. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—I do not know what to call myself, hardly—partly a labourer, partly an engine-driver and any sort of thing.
 7956. Where do you live?—Church Street, Upper Walmer.
7957. How much did you receive?—I received 3*l.* off Mr. Minter.
 7958. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 7959. I suppose you voted?—Yes, I did vote.
 7960. Is that all you received?—No.

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7961. How much more have you received?—3*l.* more.
7962. From whom?—From Mr. Bushell.
7963. What is his Christian name?—William Bushell.
7964. What was that for?—I do not know, I am sure.
7965. You must know what he gave it to you for?—He did not give it; he laid it down and I picked it up.
7966. Was that to vote for the Conservatives?—I suppose that is what he might mean.
7967. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Who bribed you first?—Mr. Bushell; the others did not pay till three weeks after the election.
7968. Did you get it from Mr. Bushell before you voted?—Yes.
7969. Were you promised by Mr. Minter before you voted?—I promised Mr. Minter; I had promised many times, and got nothing, and I thought it best to take the first chance.
7970. You had promised Minter first?—Yes.
7971. And then you got the money from Bushell?—Yes, and did not promise him.
7972. You knew what he meant?—I knew what he meant, that is right.

J. Brooker.

JOHN BROOKER sworn and examined.

7980. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A gardener.
7981. Where do you live?—Church Street, Upper Walmer.
7982. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Bushell.
7983. What was that for?—I suppose it was for my vote.
7984. To vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.
7985. Did you receive 3*l.* from William Minter?—About three weeks after the election.
7986. Had you promised Mr. Minter first, or Mr. Bushell?—Mr. Bushell.

7973. Which way did you vote?—I voted Liberal.
7974. Why did you vote that way rather than the other?—Because I had always gone Liberal, and all our party has always gone Liberal, but I have always gone for nothing, and I thought before I should go for nothing I would take the first worm that came along. I had had three general elections and got nothing.
7975. (*Mr. Holl.*) You knew it was not right to go and take Mr. Bushell's money, and then go and vote on the other side. When you took Bushell's money, did you mean to vote for him, or not?—I meant to vote for them both.
7976. You could not do that?—They always tell me I can split my vote.
7977. That is when there are two candidates each side?—Could not we do so if there was one on each side?
7978. When Bushell gave you the money, did you intend to vote for him, or not?—I meant to vote for the Blues.
7979. So you took his money, and all the time you meant to vote for the other side; is that it?—Yes, if I got a promise, I did.

J. Castle.

JOSEPH CASTLE sworn and examined.

7993. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
7994. Where do you live?—In Upper Walmer, close by the "George and Dragon," High Street.
7995. What did you receive?—3*l.*
7996. Who from?—Mr. Minter.

7987. You took his money and went and voted for the Liberals?—Yes.
7988. You promised Mr. Minter?—I did act exactly promise him.
7989. You voted for his side?—Yes.
7990. He had asked you to vote, had he not?—Yes.
7991. And he told you he would do the best he could for you?—Yes.
7992. This is very bad; it is bad enough to be bribed at all, but to take it from both sides is something worse than bribery; did you receive any more money?—No.

E. Gardner.

EDWARD GARDNER sworn and examined.

8000. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A miller.
8001. Where do you live?—Upper Walmer, Castle Street.
8002. How much did you receive?—3*l.*
8003. From William Minter?—Yes.
8004. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
8005. Did you vote?—Yes.

8006. Did you receive anything else?—No, I am not a jack of both sides.
8007. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are not a double barrelled gentleman?—No, I received it from the Liberals, and I did not receive anything for a fortnight after I gave my vote, and I did not know I was going to get anything.

D. Smith.

DANIEL SMITH sworn and examined.

8008. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
8009. Where do you live?—Upper Walmer, Belmont.
8010. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Minter?—Yes.
8011. Was it to vote for the Liberals?—He never asked me anything about a vote at all.
8012. He said nothing about a vote?—He expected it, I suppose.
8013. You know that he expected it, do not you?—I do not know whether I know it or not; he expected it, I suppose.
8014. Did you vote for the Liberals?—No.
8015. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.
8016. Did you take 3*l.* from Mr. Minter and then vote

- for Mr. Roberts?—I did not have the 3*l.* then; I had it a long time after.
8017. He promised you that there would be something?—Yes, he told me there would be something.
8018. And you took it from him afterwards?—I did not know whether I was going to get it.
8019. You took it from him after you had voted for Mr. Roberts?—Yes.
8020. Did you take anything else?—3*l.* from Mr. Bushell.
8021. To vote for Mr. Roberts?—Yes.
8022. You took it both sides?—Yes.
8023. Why did you take 3*l.* from Minter when you voted for Mr. Bushell, and had 3*l.* from him?—He gave it to me. I wanted it bad enough, and I took it.

T. Goodban.

THOMAS GOODBAN sworn and examined.

8024. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
8025. Where do you live?—High Street, Upper Walmer.
8026. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
8027. From Mr. Minter?—Yes.
8028. What was it for?—I do not know what it was for; he gave it to me after the election was over; for voting, I suppose.

8029. He told you before the election that there would be something?—I do not know whether he told me, but he did give it to me afterwards.
8030. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.
8031. You knew that you were going to have something when you voted?—I expected something.
8032. Did you have anything else from anybody?—No.

THOMAS GOODBOURNE sworn and examined.

T. Goodbourne.

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8033. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 8034. Do you live at Upper Walmer?—Yes, Belmont.
 8035. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
 8036. From whom?—Mr. Minter.
 8037. What for?—For my vote.
 8038. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 8039. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.
 8040. Who from?—Mr. Minter.
 8041. How much more?—2*l.*
 8042. What was that for?—Working at the flag poles and night watching.
 8043. The 3*l.* was for your vote?—Yes.
 8044. Did you vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 8045. Had you any other money besides?—Yes, I had some, the same as the others did, from Mr. Bushell.
 8046. For the election?—Yes.
 8047. How much?—3*l.*
 8048. What was that for?—For voting.

8049. To vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.
 8050. Was that before you received the 3*l.* from Mr. Minter?—Yes.
 8051. Why did you take his 3*l.*?—The same as the others.
 8052. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Which way did you vote?—For the Liberals.
 8053. Have you always voted Liberal?—I never voted before.
 8054. Why did you vote for the Liberals rather than the Conservatives?—I do not know.
 8055. When you got into the polling booth, why did you put a cross opposite Sir Julian's name, rather than Mr. Crompton Roberts'?—There was one thing; I was at work for Mr. Minter at the same time, and he promised me there would be something for me if I did vote; so I did, after I had taken the money from the other man.
 8056. As you were working for Mr. Minter, you thought you might as well vote for him?—Yes.

GEORGE AMOS sworn and examined.

G. Amos.

8057. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 8058. Where do you live?—Belmont, Upper Walmer.
 8059. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Minter?—Yes.
 8060. What for?—For my vote.
 8061. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8062. Did you vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 8063. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—No.
 8064. Nothing from Mr. Bushell?—No, nothing.

DAVID ELLEN sworn and examined.

D. Ellen.

8065. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shepherd.
 8066. Where do you live?—Church Street, Upper Walmer.
 8067. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
 8068. From Mr. Minter?—Yes.

8069. What for?—To vote for the Liberals.
 8070. Did you vote for them?—Yes.
 8071. Did you receive anything from anybody else?—No.

CHARLES PRATT sworn and examined.

C. Pratt.

8072. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer, Belmont, Upper Walmer.
 8073. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes, and 2*l.* besides, from Mr. Minter.
 8074. First of all you had from Mr. Minter 3*l.*?—Yes.
 8075. What was that for?—My vote.

8076. A Liberal vote?—Yes.
 8077. Did you vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 8078. You received 2*l.* for what?—Night watching.
 8079. The 3*l.* was for your vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 8080. Did you receive anything besides the 3*l.* and the 2*l.*?—No, nothing whatever.

HENRY THOMAS FLOWER sworn and examined.

H. T. Flower.

8081. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bootmaker.
 8082. Where do you live?—Upper Walmer, Drum Hill.
 8083. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes.
 8084. What for?—For canvassing; working for Mr. Minter.
 8085. How much did you receive?—4*l.*, and not 5*l.* as has been put in the papers.
 8086. What did you do for the 4*l.*?—I would go about talking to the men, and persuading them to vote for the Liberals.
 8087. When did Mr. Minter engage you?—The next day after Sir Julian Goldsmid came here.
 8088. Had you a canvass book?—No.
 8089. Did you make any notes of the people you canvassed?—No, I did not make any notes.
 8090. How much of your time do you think was occupied in canvassing?—The whole time of the election. I am an excitable sort of a character, and I could not work during the election.
 8091. Did you agree for 4*l.* before you began canvassing?—No; I should be rewarded for what I did.
 8092. That is what Mr. Minter told you?—Yes.
 8093. Was it understood that you should vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 8094. If you were employed as a canvasser you would vote for the Liberals?—I did not promise Mr. Minter

that I would vote for the Liberals, because he was certain that I should do so.
 8095. If you had been a Conservative he would not have employed you as a canvasser?—No.
 8096. (*Mr. Holl.*) It was understood that you should vote for them?—I do not know whether William Minter understood I should vote for the Liberals or not, but I suppose he thought so; he asked me whether I would do all I could for the cause, and I said I would.
 8097. (*Mr. Turner.*) That included voting, I suppose?—Yes, I should think so.
 8098. (*Mr. Holl.*) You knew you were employed partly with a view to secure your vote for that side?—Yes.
 8099. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What are you?—A bootmaker.
 8100. On your own account?—Yes. I have two shops, a workshop and a sale shop.
 8101. You work for yourself?—Yes.
 8102. Have you got any men under you?—No.
 8103. Who keeps the other shop?—My wife.
 8104. She sells the shoes that you manufacture, ready made?—Yes.
 8105. About what do you make a week?—In the way of earnings do you mean?—Yes.
 8106. Yes; I do not want it very accurately?—I cannot tell you what I earn.
 8107. Do you make 1*l.* a week?—Yes.
 8108. 3*0s.*?—Yes.
 8109. 2*l.*?—No.

GEORGE WOODCOCK sworn and examined.

G. Woodcock.

8110. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A grocer.
 8111. Where do you live?—High Street, Upper Walmer.

8112. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes.
 8113. How much?—4*l.*

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8114. From whom?—Mr. Minter.
 8115. What was that for?—Canvassing.
 8116. Had you a canvassing book?—No. I rendered Mr. Minter all the assistance I could.
 8117. How many days were you engaged?—I should say about seven days.
 8118. When did you begin?—I should say about the third day after Sir Julian Goldsmid came down.
 8119. Were you to vote for the Liberals if you were employed as a canvasser?—I should have voted for the Liberals.
 8120. Mr. Minter knew that you were a Liberal?—Yes. I should not vote for a Tory, not at any price.
 8121. Do you say you are a grocer?—Yes.
 8122. Do you keep a shop at Upper Walmer?—Yes.
 8123. Your own shop?—Yes.
 8124. How much of your time was occupied in canvassing?—I should say about a week.
 8125. Who attended to your shop?—My wife.
 8126. Does she always attend to it?—Yes, when I am away from home.
 8127. What do you suppose you would make a week in your shop?—About 2*l.* a week.
 8128. (*Mr. Holl.*) You were not occupied all day?—No, not all day, off and on.
 8129. An hour a day?—Yes; and after I closed the shop.
 8130. Not more than an hour each day?—Oh yes! I should say about half a dozen hours a day.
 8131. Each day?—Yes.
 8132. Tell us who you canvassed?—I canvassed all the voters who I thought had the least chance of voting Liberal.
 8133. How many will you undertake to say you called upon altogether?—I should say there were about 30.
 8134. Looking at the size of Upper Walmer it would not take you six hours even one day to call upon 30—you might have called on some of them twice, but you

could not have occupied very much time in calling upon 30 people?—I canvassed all the voters who I thought there was a chance of voting Liberal.

8135. (*Mr. Turner.*) Were they the same people that Mr. Flower called upon?—I cannot say.

8136. (*Mr. Holl.*) Taking 10 minutes for each person it would take about five or six hours altogether?—I was away from my business each day.

8137. I suppose you knew you were being employed because it was known you were a Liberal?—I was not aware that I should receive any money.

8138. It was understood that you were to be paid when you were asked to be a canvasser?—No, I was not aware that I should receive any money.

8139. You have said that you were employed by Mr. Minter to be a canvasser—you knew that you were going to be paid something afterwards?—I expected something, but it was not decided upon.

8140. There was nothing settled as to how much?—No.

8141. Perhaps you expected a little more?—If I had had more it would not have paid me.

8142. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did anybody tell you who to canvass?—No; I mentioned the matter to them as I came across them in the streets, and I called at several houses.

8143. Did you make any reports?—Yes, I sent word to Mr. Minter of the different names.

8144. Did you make any reports in writing—did you make any notes?—No.

8145. Did anyone tell you any particular persons to call upon, or did it rest entirely with you?—No; it rested with me.

8146. Did anyone tell you what time to go to them, or was that left to you?—It was left to me.

8147. So, in other words, you did just as much and just as little as you pleased?—Yes.

8148. (*Mr. Holl.*) There were no fixed hours during which you were to canvass?—No.

E. M. Curling.

EDWARD MORRIS CURLING sworn and examined.

8149. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A flyman.
 8150. At Upper Walmer?—Yes, in the employment of Mr. William Robert Minter.
 8151. High Street, Walmer?—Yes.
 8152. Did you receive any money from Mr. Minter at this election?—Yes.
 8153. How much?—4*l.*
 8154. What was that for?—I suppose canvassing and driving about. I used to drive the carriage.
 8155. Whose carriage was it that you were driving?—Mr. Minter's.
 8156. Mr. Minter keeps an inn?—Yes.
 8157. Were you his driver?—Yes.
 8158. And you have wages from him, I suppose?—Yes, 10*s.* a week, and what we can make.

8159. Besides that you had this 4*l.* for driving?—Not altogether for driving, to do my best for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

8160. You had 10*s.* a week, and what you could get from customers besides?—Yes.

8161. Had you a vote?—Yes.

8162. Did you vote for the Liberal candidate?—Yes.

8163. You know that the 4*l.* was to do that?—Mr. Minter promised me the same as the others had if I would do my best.

8164. Had you anything else besides the 4*l.*?—No.

8165. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You do not think you would have got that 4*l.* if you had not had a vote?—Very likely not.

G. Clover.

GEORGE CLOVER sworn and examined.

8166. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gardener.
 8167. Where do you live?—Castle Street, Upper Walmer.
 8168. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 8169. How much?—4*l.*
 8170. From Mr. Minter?—Yes.
 8171. What for?—For canvassing.
 8172. Who did you canvass?—I canvassed for Upper Walmer.
 8173. We have heard that there were two other gentlemen, Mr. Woodcock and Mr. Flower, also canvassing the voters; how much time were you occupied in canvassing?—It was in the evening after I had done my work.
 8174. You had your day's work, whatever you were paid for that, and you did this canvassing in the evening?—Yes.

8175. How long did it take you?—I cannot say how long it took me.

8176. How many days were you engaged?—About a week.

8177. An hour a day it might be?—Yes, and over that of an evening.

8178. How many days do you say you were engaged?—Six or seven days.

8179. When did you begin?—The day after Sir Julian Goldsmid came down.

8180. You have a vote?—Yes.

8181. Did you vote for him?—Yes.

8182. I suppose you knew that the 4*l.* was for that?—I did not have it until after the election was over.

8183. If you had been a Conservative you would not have had the 4*l.*?—No.

G. Dawkins.

GEORGE DAWKINS sworn and examined.

8184. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 8185. Where do you live?—Cemetery Road, Deal.
 8186. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes.
 8187. From whom?—Mr. Trollope.

8188. Who were you to vote for?—The Liberals.

8189. Did you vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8190. How much had you?—3*l.*

8191. Had you any other money?—No.

CHARLES GOLDFINCH sworn and examined.

C. Goldfinch.

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8192. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Painter.
 8193. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 8194. From whom?—From Mr. Trollope.
 8195. How much?—3*l.*
 8196. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 8197. Did you vote for the Liberals?—Yes, as I have always done.
 8198. Have you always received 3*l.*?—I never received anything before, and had I received 100*l.* it would not have compensated me for the sacrifice I made in supporting the Liberal cause.
 8199. You voted for the Liberals?—Yes.
 8200. Had you any more money than the 3*l.*?—I had not.
 8201. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What do you mean when you say 100*l.* would not compensate you for supporting the Liberal cause?—I mean this, that in supporting the

Liberal cause it brought about my ultimate ruin in business matters. I sacrificed everything in supporting the Liberal cause.

8202. What do you mean, you lost everything by supporting the Liberal cause?—I mean this, I rendered services to the Liberals which ultimately resulted in being detrimental to my own interest.

8203. How?—In supporting the Liberal cause, and losing what trade I had.

8204. What trade is it?—A painter.

8205. Who took away your business from you in consequence of that?—It gradually went away.

8206. You fancied that, because you supported the Liberal cause, some people did not deal with you?—Yes, exactly.

8207. Did anybody ever tell you that they would not deal with you because you had supported the Liberal cause?—My trade gradually went away.

RICHARD CHARLES PHILLPOTT sworn and examined.

R. C. Phillpott.

8208. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A painter.
 8209. Where do you live?—130, Middle Street, Deal.
 8210. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 8211. From whom?—Mr. Trollope.
 8212. How much?—3*l.*

8213. What was that for?—My vote.

8214. For the Liberals?—Yes.

8215. Did you vote?—Yes.

8216. Had you any other money?—No.

WILLIAM GILLMAN SMITH sworn and examined.

W. G. Smith.

8217. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 8218. Where do you live?—5, Coppen Street. I am on the register as 25, Union Street, which is the house I formerly occupied.
 8219. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

8220. How much?—3*l.*

8221. From Mr. Trollope?—Yes.

8222. What for?—My vote, I suppose.

8223. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8224. Did you receive any more money?—No.

WILLIAM HARE sworn and examined.

W. Hare.

8225. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
 8226. Where do you live?—No. 3, Castle Road.
 8227. Did you receive any money?—I received 3*l.* from Mr. Trollope.
 8228. What was that for?—My vote.

8229. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8230. Did you vote for the Liberals?—Yes, certainly. I always belonged to the Liberal Association.

8231. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—No, not a farthing.

THOMAS COX sworn and examined.

T. Cox.

8232. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 8233. Where do you live?—Guildford Road, Deal. I used to live at 32, Prospect Place, Victoria Road, and that is where I received my summons for.
 8234. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

8235. From Mr. Trollope?—Yes.

8236. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8237. Did you vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

8238. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

JAMES WRATTEN sworn and examined.

J. Wratten.

8239. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 8240. Where do you live?—20, Nelson Street.
 8241. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

8242. From Mr. Trollope?—Yes.

8243. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8244. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JAMES BOLWELL sworn and examined.

J. Bolwell.

8245. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 8246. Where do you live?—York Street, Lower Walmer.
 8247. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

8248. From Mr. Trollope?—Yes.

8249. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8250. Did you do so?—Yes.

8251. Did you receive anything else?—No.

ROBERT CROSS sworn and examined.

R. Cross.

8252. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 8253. Where do you live?—No. 5, King Street, Deal.
 8254. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes, I received 6*l.*
 8255. Who from?—3*l.* off John Betts, and 3*l.* off Mr. Redman.
 8256. What was the 3*l.* from Betts for?—For the vote.
 8257. For the Conservatives?—Yes.
 8258. Did you vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.
 8259. Did you receive anything else for your vote?—No.
 8260. What was the 3*l.* from Redman for?—That was for a vote.
 8261. Who for?—The Liberals.
 8262. Which did you receive first?—From the Conservatives.
 8263. And you promised Mr. Betts you would vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.

8264. How came you to take 3*l.* from the other side?—Coming along the road, Mr. Redman gave me the 3*l.*, and I took it.

8265. Did he tell you you had it to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8266. You took it from both?—Yes.

8267. You did not tell him you had had 3*l.* from the Conservatives?—No.

8268. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you get both sums before you voted?—No, after I voted.

8269. Which were you paid first?—The Conservatives paid first, after I voted.

8270. And then you got 3*l.* from Redman?—Yes.

8271. Had Redman talked to you about your vote before?—Yes.

8272. Before you voted?—Yes.

8273. Why did you vote for the Conservatives rather than the Liberals?—I took the first chance; I was trying to get 5*l.* or 10*l.*, if I could get it.

8274. You thought money down was the thing?—Yes

W. Browning.

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8275. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 8276. Where do you live?—Opposite the South Barracks, Lower Walmer.
 8277. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 8278. How much?—3*l*.

8279. From whom?—Mr. Trollope.
 8280. Was that for a Liberal vote?—Yes.
 8281. Did you vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 8282. Did you receive anything more?—No.

W. Marshall.

WILLIAM MARSHALL sworn and examined.

8283. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Boots at the "Black Horse."
 8284. Do you live at the "Black Horse"?—Yes.
 8285. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 8286. How much?—3*l*.
 8287. From whom?—Mr. Hayman.

8288. What was that for?—For the election.
 8289. Who were you to vote for?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 8290. Did you vote for him?—Yes.
 8291. Did you receive anything from anybody else?—No.

J. Castle.

JAMES CASTLE sworn and examined.

8292. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
 8293. Where do you live?—Grove Street, Lower Walmer.
 8294. Did you receive any money?—Yes, 3*l*.

8295. From Mr. Trollope?—Yes.
 8296. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.
 8297. Had you anything else?—No.

R. Barwick.

RICHARD BARWICK sworn and examined.

8298. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 8299. Where do you live?—Rope Walk, Lower Walmer.
 8300. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 8301. How much?—3*l*.

8302. From whom?—David Axon.
 8303. Who was that to vote for?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 8304. Did you vote for him?—Yes.
 8305. Did you receive anything else?—No.

R. Wilds;

RICHARD WILDS sworn and examined.

8306. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 8307. Where do you live?—Cambridge Cottage, York Street, Lower Walmer.
 8308. Did you receive any money?—Yes, 3*l*.
 8309. From whom?—Mr. Axon.
 8310. David Axon?—Yes.
 8311. To vote for the Liberal?—Yes.

8312. Did you vote for him?—I did.
 8313. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing. I beg pardon, but when shall I call for the 3*l*. for speaking the truth.
 8314. Do not talk nonsense; you ought to be ashamed for taking 3*l*. for your vote?—No, sir, I am not a bit ashamed.

Mrs. S. Elliott.

MRS. SARAH ELLIOTT sworn and examined.

8315. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—159, High Street.
 8316. What is your husband?—A gardener.
 8317. What is his Christian name?—John William Cavell Elliott.
 8318. He was here at the time of the election, was he not?—Yes.
 8319. Where is he now?—In Canada.
 8320. When did you last hear from him?—A few days since.
 8321. Who sent him there?—He went of his own accord.
 8322. Who paid for his going?—He paid for it himself.
 8323. Who gave him the money to pay for his going?—He sold the things as best he could to go.
 8324. When did he go?—He went upon the 15th July.
 8325. He had been up to London before that, had he not?—Yes.
 8326. What things did he sell?—He sold some things that we had in the shop. We were keeping a small shop and we parted with our business. He sold the things that we did our business with.
 8327. Are you carrying on the business still?—No.
 8328. What was the business?—A small grocer's shop.
 8329. Why did he go to Canada?—Well, I believe because he could not succeed here.
 8330. Now come, come, you know all about this, why did he go to Canada?—He could not succeed here at all.
 8331. You do not mean that seriously; come, you must tell us why did he go to Canada?—That is all I know. He went because he could not succeed here. I think very likely he was afraid about the election.
 8332. Did he ever think of going to Canada before?—Yes, several times he mentioned it, that is, going to America.
 8333. Why did he not take you to Canada or America with him?—He had not enough money. He had not the means to do so.

8334. Do you really mean to tell us that it was a mere accident that he went upon the 15th July to America?—Yes.
 8335. You know he had been connected with matters upon the election here?—Yes.
 8336. And do you really mean to tell us that he went to America purely accidental?—(No answer).
 8337. Now come you must tell us why did your husband go to America; who sent him?—At first, I believe, he could not succeed.
 8338. That is one reason, what other reason was there?—I think he had some trouble about this election, but I cannot say because I did not understand it.
 8339. Who gave him money to go to America?—It is the truth that he sold what we had to go.
 8340. I daresay it may be so?—That is quite the truth. He had not any more than to pay his fare. When I heard from him he had been travelling 350 miles through the desert, through the forest, with scarcely anything to eat; that is the last I heard of him.
 8341. You say he sold the things, and I daresay that is quite true; but do you not know that anybody gave him money to help him to go?—No, I believe it is all false. No one gave him any money to go, and it is quite false.
 8342. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.
 8343. How did you sell the things that were sold?—We sold them to a broker here.
 8344. What is the name of the broker?—Mr. Mowle, who lived opposite, bought a few canisters and scales.
 8345. What sum did you get for the things that were sold?—Something like between 4*l*. and 5*l*. I could not say exactly.
 8346. What was the price of his passage to America?—6*l*. 10*s*., I think, it cost him.
 8347. Where did the other money come from?—Well, we had a pound or two. We was not so destitute, but he had not money from anybody else.
 8348. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
 8349. Did anybody suggest to him to go to America?—Not that I am aware of.

8350. How have you been living since he went away?—I have been living with my mother. My mother has kept me. I was left almost penniless.

8351. Have you received any money from anybody?—No, not a farthing from anyone.

8352. Has nobody asked you where your husband is since he has been away, and communicated with you about him?—No.

8353. Nobody?—No.

8354. You have received no money from your husband, I suppose?—No.

8355. And no money from anybody else?—No.

8356. You really do not know how it was that he came to go to America?—No.

Mrs. S. Elliott.

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EDWARD WILLIAM ROBINSON sworn and examined.

E. W. Robinson.

8357. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A clerk at the post office.

8358. Where do you live?—In West Street.

8359. Did you receive any money at this election?—3*l.*

8360. From whom?—Mr. Millen.

8361. Mr. J. B. Millen?—Yes.

8362. What was it for?—To vote.

8363. For the Liberals?—Yes.

8364. Did you vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8365. Did you receive anything else?—No.

HENRY HALL sworn and examined.

H. Hall.

8366. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

8367. Where do you live?—In York Street, Walmer Road.

8368. Did you receive any money at this election?—3*l.*

8369. From whom?—Samuel Pearson.

8370. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8371. Did you vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8372. Did you have any other money?—No.

BARNABAS WELLSPRING sworn and examined.

B. Wellspring.

8373. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

8374. Where do you live?—No. 1, George Alley.

8375. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes, 3*l.*

8376. From whom?—From Mr. Woodruff, the butcher.

8377. What was that for?—For my vote, I suppose.

8378. To vote for the Liberals?—No, for the Tories.

8379. Did you vote for the Tories?—Yes.

8380. Did you have any other money?—No, not a farthing.

8381. Did you have any money from Mr. Hayman?—No, never a farthing from anybody but Mr. Woodruff.

8382. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, nobody asked me to vote for them.

8383. You are sure you got it from Mr. Woodruff, and not from Mr. Hayman?—Yes, Mr. Woodruff, the butcher.

8384. And not from Mr. Hayman?—No; no one ever asked me.

GEORGE MYHILL sworn and examined.

G. Myhill.

8385. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A baker.

8386. Where do you live?—Lower Walmer. The reason I come here is that I saw in yesterday's issue the receiving of 4*l.*, which I know nothing at all about.

8387. What did you receive?—Nothing at all.

8388. Not 3*l.*?—No.

8389. No money at all?—No money whatever.

8390. From anybody?—Not a farthing from anyone.

8391. Are you a voter?—Yes.

8392. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Were you employed?—No, I had nothing whatever to do with the election; I gave my vote voluntarily.

8393. Is there another Myhill?—There are two Myhills in the town, and the other is a pilot. I went to him this morning and asked him whether it was him who received the 4*l.*, as I had been chastised over the affair, and he said he had not; it is stated through Mr. Millen, and I do not see why I should have my name brought up.

8394. It may mean some other Myhill?—No; there are only two in the place, and there is no Christian name put.

8395. At any rate, it is not you?—No; and Myhill, the pilot, says it is not him.

VALENTINE MYHILL re-called, and further examined.

V. Myhill.

8396. (*Mr. Turner.*) You say you did not receive this 4*l.*?—No; I had no connection with Mr. Millen whatever.

8397. Have you received anything?—Yes, that is in my evidence of yesterday.

8398. Did you receive anything at all from John Bullock Millen?—No, I never spoke to him upon any such subject.

8399. If he says that any Myhill received 4*l.*, it is not Valentine Myhill or George Myhill?—No; and in the

"Chronicle" there is no Christian name to it whatever.

8400. The "Chronicle" will take care, no doubt, that what you have now stated shall be put in.

(*Mr. George Myhill.*) I do not know why Mr. Millen should make use of my name in the affair, because I had nothing to do with it.

(*Mr. Valentine Myhill.*) Mr. George Myhill called at my house and asked if I had received the 4*l.*, and I said, No, I knew nothing about it.

THOMAS MEDGETT sworn and examined.

T. Medgett.

8401. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Gardener to Mr. Lee.

8402. Where do you live?—I live at Great Mongham now.

8403. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Minter to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8404. Did you vote?—Yes.

8405. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—No.

JOHN CRAKER sworn and examined.

J. Craker.

8406. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

8407. Where do you live?—3, Farrier Street.

8408. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

8409. From whom?—Mr. Ralph.

8410. George Ralph?—Yes.

8411. What was that for?—For my vote.

8412. For whom?—The Liberals.

8413. Did you vote?—Yes.

8414. Did you receive anything else?—No.

8415. From nobody?—No.

GEORGE SKARDON sworn and examined.

G. Skardon.

8416. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

8417. Where do you live?—High Street, Deal.

8418. What did you receive?—3*l.*

8419. From whom?—George Ralph.

8420. To vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

8421. Did you vote?—Yes.

8422. Have you received anything else from anybody?—No.

T. Hall.

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THOMAS HALL sworn and examined.

8423. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman at Lower Walmer.
 8424. Do you live at Lower Walmer?—Yes, No. 2, York Street.
 8425. Did you receive any money?—3*l.* from David Axon about 10 or 12 days after the election.
 8426. What for?—For my vote.

8427. To vote for whom?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 8428. Did you vote for him?—Yes.
 8429. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—No, nothing whatever.
 8430. You received it to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

W. Grant.

WILLIAM GRANT sworn and examined.

8431. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 8432. Where do you live?—Union Street, Deal.
 8433. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes, from Mr. Langley.
 8434. How much?—3*l.*
 8435. What for?—For my expenses; I came up from Dover.
 8436. Your expenses from Dover would not be 3*l.*?—No.
 8437. Was it not for your vote?—He did not mention about the vote.
 8438. Do you not know it was for your vote?—Yes, I expect it was for my vote, and for my expenses included.
 8439. Your expenses would not be anything like that?—No, but I would want something to drink.
 8440. Did you vote?—Yes.
 8441. For the Liberals?—No, for the Conservatives.
 8442. Besides the 3*l.* have you had anything else?—No.

8443. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who is Mr. Langley?—He kept a shop in Deal, I think he has gone away now.
 8444. Did you get any money from Mr. Hayman?—No.
 8445. What was Mr. Langley who you say kept the shop?—He was a barber.
 8446. Where?—On the left hand, going down High Street.
 8447. Did he distribute money for Mr. Hayman?—No, he was on himself.
 8448. Do you know whether he paid anybody else?—No, I know nothing about him.
 8449. Do you know whether anybody else had money from Mr. Langley besides yourself?—No.
 8450. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When did he go away?—Three weeks ago.
 8451. Where is he gone?—I do not know.
 8452. Has he given up his place?—Yes.

T. Berry

THOMAS BERRY sworn and examined.

8453. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Night watchman on the new railway.
 8454. Where do you live?—17, Union Street.
 8455. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 8456. From whom?—Mr. Hayman.
 8457. What for?—My vote.

8458. To vote for the Liberals?—No, the Conservatives.
 8459. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—Not a farthing.
 8460. And did you vote for the Conservative?—I did.

J. Price.

JOHN PRICE sworn and examined.

8461. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A coachman.
 8462. Where do you live?—14, Middle Street.
 8463. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 8464. 3*l.*—Yes.
 8465. From Mr. Hayman?—Yes.

8466. For your vote for the Conservative?—He expected I would vote that side, and I had an idea he thought so too, and I did vote that way.
 8467. Did you have anything else from anybody?—Not a farthing, neither before nor since.

S. Cuffley.

SAMUEL CUFFLEY sworn and examined.

8468. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fly driver, formerly a Marine.
 8469. Where do you live?—6, King Street, Deal.
 8470. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hayman?—Yes.
 8471. For your vote?—Yes.
 8472. Liberal or Conservative?—Conservative.
 8473. And you did vote for the Conservative?—Yes.

8474. And did you have anything else from anybody?—Yes, I received 14*s.* besides.
 8475. Who from?—Mr. Hayman.
 8476. What for?—To 'pay my expenses from Woolwich and back.
 8477. Did you live there?—No, I was there on board a ship at the time.
 8478. Have you received anything else but that?—That is all I received.

J. Roberts.

JOHN ROBERTS sworn and examined.

8479. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 8480. Where do you live?—No. 3, Sandown.
 8481. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hayman?—Yes.
 8482. For your vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.

8483. And did you vote for the Conservatives?—I did.
 8484. Had you anything else from anybody?—Nothing at all.

J. W. M. May.

JAMES WILLIAM MARSH MAY sworn and examined.

8485. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 8486. Do you live here?—I live in 7, Bulwark Road, North End.
 8487. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hayman?—I received 6*l.*, not all from Mr. Hayman.
 8488. Who did you receive your 6*l.* from?—3*l.* from Mr. Hayman, and 3*l.* from Mr. Ralph.
 8489. What was the 3*l.* from Mr. Hayman for?—For voting, I suppose.
 8490. To vote for the Conservative?—And I did vote for the Conservative.
 8491. What was the other from Mr. Ralph for?—To vote.
 8492. Who for?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 8493. Then you received it from both?—Yes.
 8494. Which came first?—Mr. Ralph.
 8495. That was to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

8496. And then you received 3*l.* from Mr. Hayman, and that was to vote for the Conservative?—Yes.
 8497. And what made you make up your mind?—Because I always was a Tory.
 8498. Why did you take the Liberal money?—Because I wanted the money, or else I should not have taken it.
 8499. Did you receive anything else?—Yes, I received a few shillings for lending a hand in putting the poles up.
 8500. Who from?—I cannot say who I received it from.
 8501. Which side?—Well, I cannot say; I received a few shillings.
 8502. Do you know whether the poles were Liberal or Conservative poles?—That I do not, for I did not take no more notice.
 8503. How much did you get—a few shilling do you say?—A few shillings, and I spent it.

RICHARD PHILPOTT sworn and examined.

R. Philpott.

8504. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A butcher.
 8505. At Deal?—Yes.
 8506. Where do you live?—42, Middle Street.
 8507. Did you receive any money?—3*l.*
 8508. From Mr. Hayman?—Yes.

8509. To vote?—Yes.
 8510. For whom?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 8511. Did you vote for him?—Yes.
 8512. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

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DAVID FOSTER sworn and examined.

D. Foster.

8513. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 8514. Where do you live?—No. 1, Fisherman's Row,
 North End.
 8515. Did you receive 3*l.* from George Ralph?—I did.
 8516. To vote for the Liberal?—Yes.

8517. And did you vote for the Liberal?—I did,
 proper.
 8518. And did you receive anything from anybody
 else?—No.

GEORGE RICHARD MARSH sworn and examined.

G. R. Marsh.

8519. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a boatman.
 8520. Where do you live?—No. 3, Beach Street,
 North End.
 8521. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
 8522. From Mr. Ralph?—From Mr. Ralph at the
 "Forester's."

8523. What was that for?—For voting.
 8524. For voting for the Liberal?—Yes.
 8525. And did you vote for him?—Yes.
 8526. Did you receive anything from anybody else?—
 Nothing at all—not one farthing; I have told you the
 truth.

STEPHEN EDWARD WATTS sworn and examined.

S. E. Watts.

8527. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Landlord of the
 "Roxburgh Castle."
 8528. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 8529. Three pounds?—Yes.
 8530. From whom?—From Mr. Hayman.
 8531. What for?—For my vote.
 8532. That is, for voting for the Conservatives?—Yes.
 8533. And did you vote accordingly?—Yes.
 8534. Did you receive anything else from anybody
 else?—Yes.

8535. What?—5*l.* for my committee room from Mr.
 Olds.

8536. Anything else?—No.

8537. (*Mr. Holl.*) Was your committee room occupied
 at all?—Yes, there was people in it every night. May I
 have a certificate to clear me?

(*Mr. Holl.*) We will see about that by and bye. You
 will all get your certificates by and bye if you answer
 properly.

JAMES BENNETT sworn and examined.

J. Bennett.

8538. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A tailor.
 8539. Where do you live?—21, Gladstone Road.
 8540. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hayman?—Yes.
 8541. To vote for the Conservative?—Yes.
 8542. And did you vote?—Yes.
 8543. Have you received anything from anybody else?
 —Yes.
 8544. What?—I had 1*l.* from Mr. Usher for making
 eight flags.
 8545. And anything else?—3*l.* from Mr. Crompton
 Roberts' butler for making a large flag to go on the pier.
 8546. And anything else?—No.
 8547. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is the butler's name?—I do
 not know.
 8548. How came the butler to be ordering flags from
 you; was he ordering flags from other people?—No; Mrs.
 Roberts called at our house, and asked me, being a
 tailor, if I would make one expressly to go on the pier.

8549. Mrs. Roberts asked you, did she?—Yes, she
 asked my missus if I could make one, the largest to be
 got, specially to go on the pier. I was sent for, and I
 said I could make it, of course.

8550. And the butler paid you 3*l.* for it?—Yes, the
 butler paid me 3*l.* that I charged for it.

8551. Was 3*l.* a fair price, or a high price?—A fair
 price.

8552. Was that the usual price you charge to anybody
 else?—Yes, there was me and two women, and the
 machine working all day, and the whole night up to 12
 o'clock to make it.

8553. Was it a big flag?—Yes, 31 feet long by 15.

8554. What became of that flag?—I do not know;
 I took it to the house, and the butler paid me the
 money.

8555. And you never saw the flag any more?—No.

JAMES BLOWN sworn and examined.

J. Blown.

8556. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
 8557. Where do you live?—160, Middle Street.
 8558. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
 8559. From Mr. Hayman?—Yes.

8560. To vote for the Conservative?—Yes.

8561. And did you vote for him?—I did.

8562. Did you receive anything else?—No.

8563. Nothing else?—No.

ROBERT CHIDWICK sworn and examined.

R. Chidwick.

8564. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 8565. Where do you live?—Lower Walmer.
 8566. What street or place?—Taps Hole.
 8567. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
 8568. From Mr. Hayman?—No.
 8569. From whom?—David Axon.

8570. What for?—I do not know what for.

8571. Was it for your vote?—Yes, for my vote.

8572. And who did you vote for?—For Sir Julian
 Goldamid.

8573. And the 3*l.* was for that?—Yes.

8574. Did you receive anything else?—No.

8575. From no one?—No, nothing.

JAMES JOHN ERRIDGE sworn and examined.

J. J. Erridge.

8576. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A pilot.
 8577. Where do you live?—27, Nelson Street.
 8578. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 8579. Who from?—Mr. Olds.
 8580. How much?—30*l.* for votes.

8581. To distribute for votes?—Yes; and 6*l.* for can-
 vassing, and 4*l.* 10*s.* I received for putting up three
 flag poles, from Mr. Hughes.

8582. The 4*l.* 10*s.* you received from Mr. Hughes for
 putting up three flag poles?—Yes.

J. J. Erridge. 8583. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Was that Mr. Edwin Hughes?—Yes.

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8585. Of course it was to vote for the Conservative?—Yes; there is the list (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

8586. It was 3*l.* each you paid?—Yes.

8587. Did you put up the three poles?—Yes.

8588. Were they very large poles?—Yes, they were large poles.

8589. It was 30*s.* a pole?—Yes.

8590. That is a good deal of money for putting up a pole, is it not?—I do not know; there were ten men to each pole.

8591. Four could have put it up, could they not?—I do not know; I suppose the poles are about 70 feet high.

8592. When you have got the hole dug, you have only got to hold it up for five minutes?—The wind might have blown it down.

8593. It was a way of employing men, really, was it not?—Yes.

8594. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You got nothing for yourself except the 6*l.* for canvassing?—No.

8595. What canvassing did you do; had you any book?

—No, I kept no book, nothing more than you see there, that paper.

8596. Who did you ask besides these 10 men; anybody?—Yes, lots, but I cannot recollect the names of the people I asked.

8597. Did you go round regularly?—I think I went right through Nelson Street.

8598. How long were you canvassing; for more than a day?—I was there altogether five or six days.

8599. You were not occupied in canvassing the whole day?—Not all day.

8600. Then how long; about an hour a day?—More than that, four or five hours; sometimes all day.

8601. You must have canvassed a large number of people in that time?—Yes. A great many people take you a long time to see whether they would go one side or the other, and some will not give any answer at all.

8602. Did you make any return to anybody as to what the result of your canvassing had been?—All the envelopes as I received I sent on to Mr. Hughes.

8603. You received envelopes and you returned them?—Yes.

8604. (*Mr. Holl.*) How many envelopes do you think you received altogether?—I cannot say; I dare say it might be a hundred, or I dare say more.

8605. It would not take more than a couple of days to canvass those would it?—Some days you could not find anyone, there was no one at home.

G. Philpott.

GEORGE PHILPOTT sworn and examined.

8606. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

8607. Where do you live?—88, Middle Street.

8608. Did you receive any money?—Yes, 5*l.*

8609. From whom?—From Mr. William Riley, Albert Square.

8610. What was that for?—For voting, I suppose.

8611. Who for?—For Sir Julian.

8612. Did you vote that way?—I did vote that way.

8613. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

8614. When was that given to you?—It was 3*l.* before the election, and 2*l.* afterwards.

8615. And you got both the 3*l.* and 2*l.* from Mr. Riley?—Yes.

B. Bailey.

BENJAMIN BAILEY sworn and examined.

8616. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I keep a small shop.

8617. In Deal?—Yes.

8618. Where?—187, Middle Street.

8619. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

8620. How much?—3*l.*

8621. From whom?—Mr. Lee.

8622. What is his Christian name?—Philip Rutley Lee.

8623. What was that for; to vote for him?—To vote for the Liberals.

8624. And did you vote for them?—I did.

8625. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—Not a farthing.

J. Hocken.

JOHN HOCKEN sworn and examined.

8626. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pensioner.

8627. Where do you live?—The Strand, Lower Walmer.

8628. Did you receive 3*l.*?—I did.

8629. Who from?—From David Axon.

8630. What for?—Well, I suppose for the election; I cannot say.

8631. Was it to vote for the Liberal?—Yes.

8632. And did you vote for him?—I did.

8633. Did you receive anything else?—No.

8634. From nobody?—No, I did not.

8635. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did not you get some money from Mr. Hayman?—No.

8636. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of it.

8637. Is there any other Hocken?—Yes, Andrew.

8638. And you received the money from Axon?—Yes. The writ they sent me was not my name, but I knowed it was for me, and it was all right.

8639. It was sent to you in the name of Harken?—Yes.

E. Bristowe.

EDWARD BRISTOWE sworn and examined.

8640. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boat builder.

8641. Where do you live?—Fisherman's Row, North End.

8642. Did you receive anything?—Yes.

8643. 3*l.*?—No, 6*l.*

8644. Of Mr. Ralph?—Yes.

8645. That is Mr. George Ralph?—Yes.

8646. What was that for?—3*l.* for myself, and 3*l.* for John Neeve.

8647. What was the 3*l.* for yourself for?—For my vote.

8648. For the Liberal?—Yes.

8649. And did you vote for him?—Yes.

8650. And did you give the 3*l.* to John Neeve?—Yes.

8651. What was that for, the same thing?—Yes, I suppose it was.

8652. And did he vote for the Liberal?—I believe so I cannot say.

8653. Besides those two 3*l.*, had you anything else?—No.

J. Neeve.

JOHN NEEVE sworn and examined.

8654. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

8655. Where do you live?—No. 4, Fisherman's Row.

8656. Did you receive 3*l.* from the last witness, Bristow?—Yes, after the election.

8657. But it was to vote for the Liberal?—I had no understanding about the Liberal. I always vote for the Liberal, and always did, ever since Lord Paget's time.

8658. But you know it was to secure your vote for the Liberal?—No. Mr. Bristow asked me as a favour to allow me to put a flag on my house, and of course I granted him; he said possibly there might be a trifle allowed, but I did not want it.

8659. What would there be a trifle allowed for?—For putting this flag out.

8660. 3*l.* for that?—I did not agree for no 3*l.*, or anything.

8661. You had the 3*l.* after the election?—Some time after the election Bristow brought me 3*l.*, and said there was 3*l.* for me if I liked to accept it. Of course I took it, as anybody else would. I was not bought, and I would not be bought by nobody. I always vote Liberal.

8662. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who spoke to you about the matter, Bristow or George Ralph?—Mr. Bristow; he asked me whether I would allow him to put a pole up.

8663. Did George Ralph speak to you?—No, nor not nobody else.

8664. He asked you to vote for the Liberal, did he not?—No, he did not ask me. I told him I should do that if there was nothing allowed. I always do that. I would not be bought by anybody.

8665. Do you mean to tell us that you thought you were paid that 3*l.* for putting up that pole?—I do not know what their thoughts may be. I had no intention of being paid.

8666. What is your rent?—I do not pay any. I have my own house.

8667. Did they put the pole in your garden, or put it on your house?—From the window.

8668. Out of the window?—Yes.

8669. And do you mean to say you really believe you were paid that 3*l.* for allowing them to put that pole out of your window?—Mr. Ralph thought most likely it was for my vote. He knew I should vote that way, of course.

8670. Did you get anything else?—No.

J. Neeve.

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JOHN BAKER sworn and examined.

J. Baker.

8671. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

8672. Where do you live?—No. 3, Alexander Cottages, North End.

8673. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

8674. From Mr. Hayman?—Yes.

8675. Was that to vote for the Conservative?—Yes, and I voted for him.

8676. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—Just a few shillings for helping to put a pole up.

8677. Who was that from?—I could not say who it was from, there were so many names on the list. I got 1*s.* 1*d.* one day, and many others.

JOHN REDMAN sworn and examined.

J. Redman.

8678. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

8679. Where do you live?—2, Wolseley Terrace, Guildford Road.

8680. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

8681. From whom?—Mr. Hayman.

8682. To vote for the Conservative?—Yes.

8683. And did you vote for him?—Yes.

8684. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—Yes, 3*s.* from Mr. Usher, on the same side.

8685. What for?—To help put a flag up.

ROBERT FLANDERS sworn and examined.

R. Flanders.

8686. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A cordwainer.

8687. Where do you live?—41, West Street.

8688. Did you receive any money?—3*l.* from Mr. Philip Lee.

8689. Who was that to vote for?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.

8690. And did you vote for him?—Yes.

8691. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—Nothing else.

RICHARD REDMAN ARCHER sworn and examined.

R. R. Archer.

8692. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

8693. Where do you live?—14, Albert Square.

8694. Did you receive anything?—Yes.

8695. What?—5*l.*

8696. From whom?—Mr. Riley.

8697. What was that for?—To vote for Sir Julian.

8698. Did you vote for him?—Yes.

8699. Did you receive anything from anybody else?—No.

8700. Was the 5*l.* all at once?—Yes.

8701. It was not 3*l.* and 2*l.*?—No.

8702. Did you get it before the election or after?—After.

8703. But you promised your vote before?—Yes.

8704. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did he tell you before you voted that you should have 5*l.*?—Yes.

8705. Did you say you would not vote for less, or did he offer you 3*l.*?—No, I did not say anything.

8706. He offered you 5*l.* before?—Yes.

8707. If you would vote for Sir Julian?—Yes.

8708. And you got your 5*l.*?—Yes.

THOMAS MAY sworn and examined.

T. May.

8709. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Along the shore, or something of that sort; I am represented so.

8710. Be civil, sir; tell us what you are?—A boatman.

8711. Where do you live?—No. 71, Silver Street.

8712. Did you receive anything?—3*l.* from Mr. Hayman.

8713. To vote for the Conservative?—I voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

8714. And you received your 3*l.* for that?—I received 3*l.* and no more; but I should liked to have had a little more.

8715. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—

I received 22*s.* over at Sandwich. I was summoned over there. I was subpoenaed over there, and was there four days.

8716. That has nothing to do with this?—I thought it was all the same.

8717. You received 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

8718. (*Mr. Holl.*) And is that all you received, except the 22*s.*?—Yes.

8719. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You were not called as a witness, were you, at Sandwich?—No, I was not called, but I was subpoenaed there.

GEORGE HOLNESS sworn and examined.

G. Holness.

8720. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

8721. Where do you live?—22, Middle Street.

8722. Did you receive anything?—Yes.

8723. Who from?—Mr. Reynolds.

8724. 3*l.*, was it?—5*l.*

8725. What for?—I do not know. I suppose it would be for my vote.

8726. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

8727. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.

8728. Who from?—Mr. Spears, at the "Antwerp."

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8729. Samuel Spears?—Henry Spears, at the "Antwerp."

8730. How much did he give you?—3*l.*

8731. What for?—To vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

8732. The 5*l.* and the 3*l.* you had?—Yes, that is it.

8733. Then you received 8*l.* to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—No. I had the 5*l.* from Mr. Reynolds for the Blue.

8734. For Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

8735. Then you received 5*l.* to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid and 3*l.* to vote for Mr. Roberts?—Yes.

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8736. Who first asked you to vote?—Mr. Reynolds did not ask me plainly to vote for him. He said he should want the favour of my promise, and he should do what he could for me.

8737. (*Mr. Holl.*) And after that Spears gave you 3*l.* to vote for the Conservative?—Yes, and I voted for the Conservative.

8738. And that money was paid you before you voted?—No, after I voted.

8739. Spears gave you 3*l.* after you voted?—Yes.

8740. (*Mr. Turner.*) Who do you say you voted for?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.

8741. Then you took the money from Spears after you had voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, that is it.

8742. (*Mr. Holl.*) And you took the money from

Reynolds after you had voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, from both of them.

8743. You did not tell Mr. Reynolds you had voted the other way, did you?—I did not see him; he left the money; after I had voted I found the money had been left for me as a present.

8744. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Why did you vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts rather than Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Because I did not like the other side. I did not like their ways.

8745. (*Mr. Turner.*) You liked their money?—I was not going to ask him to take it back again; it was left for me.

8746. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Their money was as good as anybody else's money, but you did not like their ways?—My opinion was the other way.

G. R. Smith.

GEORGE RICHARD SMITH sworn and examined.

8747. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A grocer.

8748. Where?—No. 1, Silver Street.

8749. In this town?—Yes.

8750. Did you receive any money?—Yes, 3*l.*

8751. From Mr. Hayman?—Yes.

8752. And that was to vote for the Conservative?—Yes.

8753. Did you vote for him?—Yes.

8754. Did you receive anything from anybody else?—No, not a farthing.

W. T. Bullen.

WILLIAM THOMAS BULLEN sworn and examined.

8755. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Landlord of the "Lord Clyde."

8756. Where?—Walmer Road, the Strand.

8757. How much did you receive?—19*l.* 10*s.*

8758. Who from?—Mr. Rose.

8759. Was that to distribute to different people to vote for the Liberal?—Yes.

8760. Have you a list?—There is the list (*handing same*). It was in a measure to vote, but they are boat-men chiefly; they had to stop at home seven or eight days, and there was detention of time when they would have been to sea working for a living.

8761. You were authorised to give them 3*l.* apiece?—

Yes; for detention of time, stopping at home and voting.

8762. And you kept 1*l.* 10*s.* for yourself?—Yes.

8763. You paid to six different men 3*l.* each, and you had 1*l.* 10*s.* for yourself?—Yes.

8764. And this list contains the names and addresses of the men you paid?—Yes.

8765. It was understood they were to vote for the Liberals?—They were really Liberals; they did not want to turn round like that.

8766. Were they all one crew?—Not all one crew; some go in one lugger, and some in another.

8767. Did you receive any money from anyone besides this 19*l.* 10*s.*?—No.

G. R. White.

GEORGE RUMBOLT WHITE sworn and examined.

8768. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A butcher.

8769. Where?—Alfred Square.

8770. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

8771. How much?—3*l.*

8772. From whom?—Mrs. Riley.

8773. What for?—To vote.

8774. For whom?—The Liberal.

8775. And did you vote for the Liberal?—Yes.

8776. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—2*l.* afterwards.

8777. 3*l.* before you voted, and 2*l.* afterwards?—Yes.

8778. From whom?—Mrs. Riley.

8779. Was that because you had voted for them?—Yes.

8780. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

8781. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did Mrs. Riley canvass you?—No.

8782. How came she to give you the money; did she ask you to vote her way?—No.

8783. How came you to see her about it all?—Mr. Riley and I arranged for that.

8784. (*Mr. Holl.*) Mr. Riley arranged you should vote on his side, and then his wife paid you?—Yes.

R. J. Skarden.

ROBERT JOHN SKARDEN sworn and examined.

8785. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

8786. Where do you live?—Middle Street, North End.

8787. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

8788. 3*l.*?—Yes.

8789. From whom?—Mr. Wise, of Middle Deal.

8790. To vote for whom?—For Mr. Crompton Roberts.

8791. And did you vote for him?—I voted for him, but I did not have any money before I voted.

8792. But still you knew you were going to have it?—I expected it.

8793. And so you voted for him?—Yes.

8794. Did you receive anything else?—Yes, 3*l.* from Mr. Ralph.

8795. What for?—The same, I suppose.

8796. He is the other side?—Yes.

8797. And you received from him to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

8798. Which came first?—I cannot say which came first.

8799. Of course he did not know you were receiving money to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—No.

8800. You did not tell him?—No.

8801. Did you receive anything else besides the 3*l.* and 5*l.*?—No.

8802. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is Mr. Wise's Christian name?—I do not know his Christian name.

8803. James Wise, is it?—Oh, yes.

8804. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you promise Wise you would vote for his man?—I did not promise anyone. He told me if I went on for them I should be right. I went on my own opinion.

8805. And the other side came down and told you that if you went for them you would be right?—Yes.

8806. And which side did you go eventually?—Mr. Crompton Roberts' side.

8807. Why?—My father and all the lot have always gone that side.

8808. You have always been Conservative?—Yes.

8809. So you had money from both sides, and you kept up the traditions of the family into the bargain?—Yes. I should like to have found another friend or two like them.

STEPHEN JOHN OSBORNE sworn and examined.

S. J. Osborne.

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8810. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 8811. Where do you live?—13, Middle Street.
 8812. Did you receive any money?—3*l*.
 8813. From whom?—Henry Spears, of the “Antwerp.”
 8814. What was that for?—For voting.
 8815. Which way?—Conservative.
 8816. Did you vote for the Conservative?—I did.

8817. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

8818. (*Mr. Holl.*) When were you summoned?—I have not been summoned at all. I came voluntarily, because very likely the day I had the subpoena I should want to go off to sea.

8819. Very well. That 3*l*. was the only sum, and you received it from Henry Spears?—Yes.

WILLIAM HOLNESS sworn and examined.

W. Holness.

8820. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.
 8821. Where of?—3, Market Street.
 8822. What did you receive?—I received 8*l*.
 8823. From whom?—Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Rea.
 8824. All in one sum?—No.
 8825. Then in what sums?—3*l*. from Mr. Rea, and 5*l*. from Mr. Reynolds.
 8826. What was the 3*l*. from Mr. Rea for?—Well, I suppose for electioneering business.
 8827. Was it for your vote?—Well, I do not know about that. I did not promise anyone.
 8828. Do not trifle with us?—No; I did not promise anyone in particular.
 8829. Which way did you vote?—I voted for Sir Julian.
 8830. Was the money from Mr. Rea for that?—No.
 8831. Was the 5*l*. from Mr. Reynolds for that?—I received a present from Mr. Reynolds after the election.
 8832. Which side is he?—I think he is a Liberal—one of Sir Julian's party.
 8833. You are both Sir Julian's?—I voted for Sir Julian.
 8834. What did you have the 5*l*. from Mr. Reynolds for?—Well, I received it afterwards as a present because I suppose I voted.
 8835. Voted for Sir Julian?—Yes.
 8836. Did Mr. Reynolds think you voted for Sir Julian?—I did not receive the money till afterwards.
 8837. But what did you receive it for?—I received it, I suppose, for voting.
 8838. For Sir Julian?—Yes.
 8839. And the 3*l*. also?—Yes, 3*l*. I received.
 8840. For voting for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—No, not for voting for Sir Julian as I know of. I could not vote only for one party.
 8841. Mr. Rea is a Conservative, is he not?—I think he is.
 8842. Then he thought you would vote for the Conservative when he gave you the 3*l*.?—I had not rightly made my mind up which way to vote.
 8843. Did you tell Mr. Rea you had not made your mind up?—No.
 8844. When he gave you the 3*l*. what did you say to him?—I thanked him. I should like to have had a little more.
 8845. You knew he was a Conservative, and do not you know he supposed you would vote for the Conservative?—He did not press me on anything.
 8846. (*Mr. Holl.*) If you do not tell the truth you will

not have a certificate. Tell us the truth, and do not talk in that way?—I do tell the truth. I received 3*l*. and 5*l*.

8847. (*Mr. Turner.*) We know you received it, but we want to know what you got it for. You received 5*l*. to vote for Sir Julian, and 3*l*. you say you received because they expected you would vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts; is not that it?—I do not know, I am sure.

8848. Do you think Mr. Rea gave you the 3*l*. to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—I think so.

8849. I should have said the Conservative, Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, I expect so.

8850. You know you are not speaking the truth?—I am.

8851. You are not?—Well, he gave me the money.

8852. We know that, but we want to know what you got it for?—Well, I suppose it was for voting.

8853. Both ways?—I do not know. I could not vote for them both.

8854. Why did you take money from both?—It was a present from Mr. Reynolds.

8855. The 5*l*. was to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

8856. We want to know why you took the 3*l*. to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—I do not know, I am sure. I was glad of the money.

8857. (*Mr. Holl.*) You know you took both sums to vote, one for the Liberal and the other for the Conservative; you know that perfectly well, do you not?—I had not taken any money, not till after I voted.

8858. (*Mr. Turner.*) When you had voted one way why did you take both sides' money?—I do not know, I am sure. I did not understand it. I thought it was hard to turn money away when anybody offered it.

8859. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you mean to tell us before you voted Mr. Reynolds had not told you if you voted for his side it would be all right?—He said something to that effect, and I did not see him afterwards. I had not made my mind up then.

8860. And you voted for his side?—Yes.

8861. When Mr. Rea saw you did not he tell you that if you voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts you would get something?—I had seen a lot of people, and they had all asked about voting and so on, and I had the money given to me when I went home.

8862. Did not Mr. Rea tell you that if you voted for his side it would be all right, or that you would have something?—Yes, he said something to that effect.

8863. Why did not you say so at first?—I could not recollect everything.

8864. Oh! that is nonsense?—I am speaking the truth, sir.

JOSEPH DIXON sworn and examined.

J. Dixon.

8865. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—No. 9, Custom House Street.
 8866. What are you?—A butcher.
 8867. Who did you receive your money from?—Mr. Lee.

8868. How much?—3*l*.

8869. What for?—To vote for the Liberal.

8870. Did you vote for the Liberal?—Yes.

8871. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

JAMES MUNDAY REDMAN sworn and examined.

J. M. Redman.

8872. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am in no business at all now.
 8873. Where do you live?—15, Coppen Street.
 8874. What money did you receive?—10*l*. from Mr. Millen.
 8875. Which Mr. Millen?—I do not know his Christian name.
 8876. J. B. Millen?—Yes.
 8877. What was that for?—To vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 8878. When did you get the 10*l*.?—At half-past three in the afternoon.

8879. After the election?—No, on the day of the election; at half-past three on the election day.

8880. Why did he give you 10*l*.?—To cover my expenses.

8881. What expenses; you live in Middle Street, do you not?—In Coppen Street.

8882. What had you done?—I was canvassing.

8883. What was the 10*l*. for; you said it was for your vote?—To cover my expenses and vote for Sir Julian.

8884. Were you employed as a canvasser?—Yes.

8885. How long had you been canvassing?—Mr. Corne-

J. M. Redman. well employed me to solicit votes for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
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 —I was about three or four days, and then I gave it up.
 8887. How much time each day ?—It might be three hours each day.
 8888. How do you split up that 10*l.* How much did you ask for canvassing ?—I took that to cover all my expenses.
 8889. The expenses of your vote ?—My vote and expenses.
 8890. You had not anything promised to you for canvassing and so much for your vote ?—No.

8891. It was one sum for canvassing and your vote ?—Yes, altogether.
 8892. And you voted which way ?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 8893. Had you any other sum of money ?—No.
 8894. (*Mr. Holl.*) You did not vote till after half-past three ?—No.
 8895. You stood out until you got 10*l.*, did you ?—No. I did not intend to vote at all.
 8896. You did not intend to vote at all, but when Mr. Millen offered you 10*l.* you changed your mind ?—Yes.

R. Nash.

ROBERT NASH sworn and examined.

8897. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you ?—A mariner.
 8898. Where do you live ?—27, Middle Street.
 8899. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hayman ?—I received 3*l.* 13*s.*
 8900. From Mr. Hayman ?—No, from Mr. Marsh and Lambert.
 8901. What was that for ?—For voting.
 8902. For voting for whom ?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 8903. Did you receive anything from Mr. Hayman ?—No. I was going to vote, and I went home again, and my wife told me she found 3*l.* on the table, and I suppose that came from Mr. Woodruff, the butcher ; I supposed so.
 8904. What made you think so ?—Because he asked me as I was going along to vote. Mr. Woodruff asked me to vote for him, and I said, "All right, just so," and he went away ; and when I went home again my wife told me she found 3*l.* on the table, from Mr. Woodruff.

8905. He is on the Conservative side ?—Yes.
 8906. And Marsh and Lambert were on the Liberal side ?—Yes.
 8907. Did you tell Mr. Woodruff you would vote for him ?—Well, I was in pain, as I am now ; my heart is bad, and I said, "Do not bother me, all right, just so."
 8908. But you did vote for the Liberal ?—Yes.
 8909. And you took 3*l.* 13*s.* from the Liberal side ?—Yes.
 8910. What was the odd 13*s.* for ?—It was a small sum left.
 8911. And having taken 3*l.* 13*s.* from the Liberal side, and having voted for them, you took 3*l.* from Mr. Woodruff ?—It was there on the table when I went home.
 8912. You did not return it ?—No.
 8913. He supposed, of course, you were going to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts ?—I suppose he thought so.

J. W. Friend.

JOHN WILLIAM FRIEND sworn and examined.

8914. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you ?—A bootmaker.
 8915. Where of ?—1, Nelson Street.
 8916. Did you receive 3*l.* ?—Yes.
 8917. From Mr. Hayman ?—Yes.
 8918. For voting for the Conservative ?—That was the intention.
 8919. And did you vote for the Conservative ?—No.
 8920. Who for ?—I voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 8921. Having taken 3*l.* to vote for the Conservative ?

—Yes. I did not make any promise to vote for the Conservative.
 8922. But you accepted the 3*l.* ?—I did, and voted for Sir Julian.
 8923. What did you get for voting for Sir Julian ?—Nothing.
 8924. You kept the 3*l.*, I suppose ?—Certainly.
 8925. Did you receive anything from anybody else ?—No.
 8926. And that is your notion of what is right, is it ?—Yes, that is right.

W. Willis.

WILLIAM WILLIS sworn and examined.

8927. (*Mr. Turner.*) You are a butcher, I think ?—Yes.
 8928. Where do you live ?—Wellington Road, No. 33.
 8929. Did you receive any money ?—Yes.
 8930. From Mr. Hayman ?—No.
 8931. Who from ?—Mr. Woodruff.

8932. Was it 3*l.* ?—Yes.
 8933. What for ?—For voting, I expect.
 8934. Who for ?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 8935. Did you vote for him ?—Yes.
 8936. Did you receive anything from anybody else ?—No.

G. Canney.

GEORGE CANNEY sworn and examined.

8937. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a butcher ?—Yes.
 8938. Where do you live ?—22, Peter Street.
 8939. Did you receive anything ?—I did.
 8940. How much ?—3*l.*
 8941. From whom ?—Mr. Allen.

8942. What is Mr. Allen's Christian name ?—Mr. Thomas Allen, I think, Peter Street.
 8943. What was it for ?—I supposed it was for voting.
 8944. For whom ?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 8945. Did you vote for him ?—I did.
 8946. Did you receive anything else ?—I did not.

R. Greedy.

ROBERT GREEDY sworn and examined.

8947. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you ?—A Royal Marine.
 8948. Do you live at the barracks ?—No.
 8949. Where ?—In Grove Terrace.
 8950. What did you receive ?—3*l.*
 8951. From whom ?—Mr. Hayman.

8952. To vote for the Conservative ?—Yes.
 8953. And did you vote for him ?—I did.
 8954. Did you receive anything else from anybody ?—I did not.

F. E. Jordan.

FRANCIS EDWARD JORDAN sworn and examined.

8955. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you ?—A hatter.
 8956. Where of ?—117, High Street.
 8957. Did you receive any money ?—I did.
 8958. 3*l.* ?—No, 5*l.*

8959. Who from ?—From Mr. Reynolds, through Mr. Allen.
 8960. What was that for ?—I suppose for voting.
 8961. For the Liberal ?—Yes.

8962. And did you vote for the Liberal?—No.

8963. Who did you vote for?—For Mr. Crompton Roberts.

8964. Having received 5*l.* to vote for the Liberal you voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—I did.

8965. Did you get anything from him?—I did not.

8966. Then why did you do it?—Simply to play off a trick they served me at the last general election.

8967. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What do you mean by a trick they played you at the last general election?—Simply they promised me a certain sum of money last general election to go and vote for them. I did vote, and I did not get it, and I thought they could pay it this time.

8968. That was to pay off the Liberals for the last election?—Yes.

JOHN LEMON ADAMS sworn and examined.

8976. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—An upholsterer.

8977. In Deal?—Yes, Griffin Street.

8978. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

8979. Who from?—My son.

8980. How much?—3*l.* from two sons.

8981. 3*l.* from each of your sons?—Yes.

8982. How did they come to give it you?—A day or two before the election one asked me if I was going to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts; I said, "Probably I might;" and the next day the other asked me if I would vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid, and I said, "Probably I might."

8983. You told him you would probably vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—I said, "Perhaps I might vote for both."

8984. And did each give you 3*l.*?—Yes.

8985. Before the election?—No, after.

8986. But each gave it?—Yes.

8987. And who did you vote for?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.

8988. And you took the other from your son who asked you to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, and glad to get it. I wish it was as much more.

8989. It did not signify the dishonesty of the transaction?—No.

8990. Do not talk in that way. I wonder you are not ashamed at the dishonesty of the transaction?—My sons are in the habit of giving me money sometimes.

(*Mr. Holl.*) You took money from both sides; you ought to be ashamed of yourself.

8991. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are the names of your two sons?—Thomas and William.

GEORGE MARLEY sworn and examined.

9006. (*Mr. Holl.*) I think you acted as agent of the flag department for the Conservative party at Walmer?—I did.

9007. Altogether, if I remember rightly, you spent about 52*l.*?—Yes.

9008. How much did you pay for flags and colours?—About 39*l.* 14*s.*, or 15*s.*

9009. Who was that to?—Mr. Loyns.

9010. Have you got any vouchers for that?—I had them, but I handed them in to Mr. Usher.

9011. What was it that Mr. Loyns supplied for that 39*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*?—What is called bunting for flags, and rosettes.

9012. Do you know what quantity he has charged this large sum for?—I had the vouchers. It is accurately put down on the bill.

9013. Is this 39*l.* 14*s.* all for calico?—And rosettes.

9014. Do you know what quantity of rosettes there were?—I did know at the time. I could not tax my memory now.

9015. How much were they charged a dozen?—Some 7*s.* 6*d.*, some 8*s.* 6*d.*, and some as high as 13*s.*; there were some large ones for horses.

9016. 13*s.* or 18*s.*?—I could not say which at this time.

9017. I have it now; 648 yards of bunting at 11½*d.*?—Yes.

9018. That is pretty high, is it not?—Well, it was all there.

9019. It is more than you pay at any other time?—I never had anything to do with an election before.

8969. In 1874?—Yes.

8970. Who promised you money then?—Mr. Wise.

8971. To vote for Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen and Mr. Brassey?—Yes.

8972. And they never paid you?—They did not.

8973. (*Mr. Turner.*) And so you thought you would have it this time by making promises you did not intend to keep?—I did not make a promise, but I was supposed to have done so.

8974. Of course they gave you the 5*l.* because they thought you promised to vote for Sir Julian?—Yes.

8975. Something had passed about it?—Of course they asked me whether I had been asked or not, if anyone had been to me; and I told them, yes, a gentleman had called on me.

F. E. Jordan.

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J. L. Adams.

8992. Where does Thomas live?—Farrier Street.

8993. And where does William live?—In Middle Street.

8994. What is the number in Farrier Street where Thomas lives?—7, I think it is.

8995. And what is the number in Middle Street where William lives?—85 or 87, I think, somewhere thereabouts; I do not know exactly.

8996. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Are either of your two sons here?—No, they are away at sea, I believe.

8997. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are they?—Channel pilots.

8998. (*Mr. Holl.*) You told each of them you would probably vote for the side he asked you?—Yes.

8999. Which son asked you to vote for Sir Julian?—William.

9000. You say he afterwards gave you 3*l.* Did you tell him you had voted for the other side?—No.

9001. He thought you had voted for Sir Julian?—I suppose he did not know any better.

9002. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you receive anything else?—No.

9003. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Have your two sons found out since that you promised each of them?—Not that I am aware of.

9004. There will be a row when they do, I should think?—I must put up with that; they have got too much respect for their father.

9005. Which is the Blue son and which is the Yellow son?—William is the Blue.

(*Mr. Holl.*) If they have more respect for you after this, it is more than you deserve, that is all I can tell you.

G. Marley.

9020. It is more than you pay at any time except an election time, is it not?—Do you mean the price per yard?

9021. Yes?—Oh no.

9022. Then "12 dozen rosettes"?—Yes.

9023. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What were the 12 dozen rosettes for?—For different people; some for the voters, some for their children, and some for their boys.

9024. There are only 100 voters?—Yes, and if they had 1,200 rosettes they would have all gone.

9025. How many rosettes did each voter wear?—Some did not wear any.

9026. (*Mr. Holl.*) I see some of the rosettes for the horses are charged 2*s.* 4½*d.* apiece?—I could not tax my memory what the sum was. They were very large ones.

9027. I suppose this was a way of spending money and making the candidate popular?—I did not do it with that view at all. I was misled by Mr. Usher to take that department in Walmer, and I did it as reasonably as I could.

9028. Then there is "Making flags, 11*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*."?—That is making flags, and some lists I had, and a little carriage hire.

9029. I suppose Loyns is a voter?—Yes.

9030. And the people who made the flags, either they or their husbands were voters?—Some, and some were not; some were widow women that I gave the flags to to make.

9031. They were mostly voters I take it?—Well, there was very little difference that way.

T. Arter.

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9032. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—An engine driver.
 9033. Where do you live?—5, West Street.
 9034. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes.
 9035. What?—3*l.*
 9036. From whom?—Mr. Bushell.
 9037. What was that for?—For my vote.
 9038. For whom?—For Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 9039. And did you vote for him?—Yes.

W. Cushney.

9046. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A channel pilot.
 9047. Where do you live?—Campbell Terrace, Walmer Road.
 9048. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Pearson.
 9049. Mr. S. Pearson?—Yes.
 9050. What for?—For detention on shore, and to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 9051. And did you vote for him?—Yes.
 9052. Have you received anything else from anybody?—I received some money from Mr. Rose for putting some flag poles up.
 9053. How much?—About 17*l.* altogether to distribute among the people who were assisting in putting the poles up.
 9054. From Rose did you receive it?—Yes.
 9055. Did you render him any account of the 17*l.* 10*s.*?—No, I had no account of it. People came along every day and wanted employment, and they were put out paid as the poles were put up.
 9056. Who paid them?—I did.
 9057. From this money?—Yes.
 9058. Did he give it you at the beginning of the work?—No, after the work was done.
 9059. You paid the money after that?—Yes.
 9060. How much did you pay them?—According as it ran the share every day; some days there was 20, and some days there was 30. Altogether, 17*l.* it came to.
 9061. (*Mr. Holl.*) You employed everybody, I suppose, who wanted to be employed?—Yes.
 9062. And that were voters?—No; chiefly non-voters.
 9063. Did you keep any account of their names?—No, you would not keep any account of their names, there was so many of them.
 9064. (*Mr. Turner.*) Were there boys among them?—No.
 9065. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you mean to tell us you did not keep any account at all to give to Mr. Rose of what you paid?—No.
 9066. How did you represent to him that you wanted 17*l.*?—I did not have it altogether.
 9067. Did you go each day and tell him you wanted so much?—Yes.

J. Brown.

9091. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A builder's labourer.
 9092. Where do you live?—Campbell Terrace, Walmer Road.
 9093. Did you receive any money?—3*l.* from Mr. Pearson.

J. Mockett.

9097. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A waterman.
 9098. Where do you live?—69, High Street.
 9099. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 9100. From whom?—From Mr. Allen.
 9101. How much?—5*l.*
 9102. What for?—For my vote.
 9103. To vote for whom?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 9104. Was it all in one sum?—It was all in one sum.
 9105. Did you vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Certainly I did, and nobody else.
 9106. Did you receive any other sum?—Not a half-penny.
 9107. When did you receive the 5*l.*?—On the day of the election.

THOMAS ARTER sworn and examined.

9040. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.
 9041. What?—Some money for making rosettes for Mr. Chapman.
 9042. He gave it to your wife to do?—Yes.
 9043. Do you remember how much that was?—No, I do not; something between 20*s.* and 30*s.*
 9044. And you had 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.
 9045. And you received nothing else but that?—Nothing else.

WILLIAM CUSHNEY sworn and examined.

9068. Did you keep any account to know what you paid?—No, I never kept no account of it.
 9069. He gave you just what you asked for then?—What I demanded I had.
 9070. And you distributed just what you liked to different people?—Equally; every one shared alike.
 9071. And you gave them as much as you liked?—Yes, as far as the money went.
 9072. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you keep any of the 17*l.* 10*s.* for yourself?—Not a penny.
 9073. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How often did you get money from Mr. Rose making up this 17*l.*?—Two different sums.
 9074. What were the sums?—12*l.* and 5*l.*
 9075. Then the 12*l.* was for several days, I suppose?—There was three days work for the 12*l.*, and one day for the 5*l.*
 9076. Which day was that, the day of the election?—No, before the election.
 9077. How much did you give each of the men?—Some days it ran to 4*s.* 3*d.*, and some days it ran to 3*s.* 9*d.*, and sometimes it ran to 5*s.*
 9078. Did you keep a list of the men; there must have been a great many?—I did not keep a list.
 9079. Were there nine men?—There was more than nine.
 9080. 9*l.* on one day, and you say about 3*s.* or 4*s.* apiece; that would be 45 or 50 men?—Yes.
 9081. Do not you know who those men were?—No; I could not tell you all their names.
 9082. How did you know how many there were, so as to go to Mr. Rose?—We was altogether. You could always count them.
 9083. I do not quite understand; what did you tell the men they should have?—That they should be paid for their trouble.
 9084. About how much did you tell them?—Some poles was 30*s.* a pole, and some poles was 25*s.*
 9085. You did it by the poles?—Yes.
 9086. According to the number of poles?—Yes.
 9087. 30*s.* for some poles and 25*s.* for others?—Yes.
 9088. How many poles did you put up on the 9*l.* day?—12*l.*
 9089. Well, the 12*l.* day?—I put up eight poles that day.
 9090. And then you divided the money, as far as it would go, among the men?—Yes.

JOHN BROWN sworn and examined.

9094. What for?—For three nights and three days watching flag-poles and voting for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 9095. Did you vote for him?—Yes.
 9096. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JOSHUA MOCKITT sworn and examined.

9108. What time of the day?—I cannot say for half an hour; perhaps it might be 10 o'clock in the morning.
 9109. Before you voted?—Before I voted.
 9110. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you make a bargain to have 5*l.*?—Certainly I did.
 9111. Did Mr. Allen come and ask you to vote, and did you say you would not vote for less than 5*l.*; was that it?—That was it.
 9112. What time of the day do you say that was?—I tell you 10 o'clock.
 9113. Had the prices risen to 5*l.* by 10 o'clock; was it not a little later in the day?—I cannot tell.
 9114. Anyhow, you made a bargain for the 5*l.*, and got it?—Yes, certainly I did.

EDWARD NORRIS sworn and examined.

9115. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 9116. Where do you live?—4, Campbell Road.
 9117. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 9118. From whom?—From my brother.
 9119. William Norris?—William Norris.
 9120. What for?—It was for assisting hoisting flags on the beach and detention of time; it was given to me afterwards.

9121. And for voting?—I suppose it was.
 9122. You suppose it was something to do with your vote?—Yes.
 9123. For stopping to vote?—Yes.
 9124. For whom?—Sir Julius Goldsmid.
 9125. Did you receive anything else?—No; not a farthing from anyone.
 9126. Did you vote for Sir Julian?—Yes.

WILLIAM RICH sworn and examined.

9127. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 9128. Where do you live?—5, York Road, Walmer Road.
 9129. Did you receive 3*l*.?—Yes.
 9130. From Mr. William Norris?—From Mr. William Norris.
 9131. For your vote?—I do not know whether it was for my vote.
 9132. It was before you voted?—No, it was after my vote.
 9133. It was promised to you before you voted? No, it was not promised.
 9134. What was said about it?—Nothing.
 9135. Do you mean to say you had no communication with William Norris before you voted?—No.
 9136. Are you quite sure of that?—I am quite sure of that.
 9137. Still it was for your vote?—I assisted in putting up flags, and delay of time, I suppose, it was for.
 9138. Did you vote for Sir Julian?—Yes.
 9139. Did you receive anything else?—No.

9140. (*Mr. Holl.*) Somebody had spoken to you about voting for Sir Julian before you voted?—No, nobody did.

9141. Did nobody ask you for your vote?—Nobody asked me.

9142. Just think?—That is the truth.

9143. They charged a good deal for canvassing; surely they did not leave you out?—Nobody ever asked me to vote for Sir Julian; I had Mr. Trigg at my house, he asked me which way I was going to vote, and I said I was going to vote for Sir Julian.

9144. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You expected to get something for it, did not you?—I did not know whether they were going to give us anything or not.

9145. You had heard that there was money going, had not you?—No.

9146. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.

9147. Then were you very much surprised to get this 3*l*.?—No, I was not a bit surprised.

9148. (*Mr. Holl.*) You took it for your vote? I took it for my vote; I did the same as other people, I suppose.

JOHN FILES sworn and examined.

9149. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 9150. Where do you live?—1*a*, Jews Harp Alley.
 9151. What money did you receive?—3*l*. 13*s*.
 9152. From whom?—I took it off the table the same as the rest.
 9153. Your own table?—No; Mr. Marsh, he was there, and Mr. Lambert; they received the money, and altogether, I think, we received—there were 42 of us—about 3*l*. 13*s*.
 9154. What was that for?—Of course, like everything else, for voting.
 9155. For whom?—Sir Julian.
 9156. And you did vote for him?—I did.
 9157. Is that all you received?—No.
 9158. What else did you receive?—Here is a list (*handing same*).
 9159. I make out here 23 people?—23 people for putting up the flagstaff.
 9160. "We, the above signed, received the sum of "25*l*. from Mr. Ramell for erecting a flagstaff on the "Prince of Wales's Terrace"; is that it?—That is quite right.
 9161. You received that from Mr. Ramell?—Yes.
 9162. Were all these men engaged in erecting this flagstaff?—They were engaged in erecting this flagstaff.
 9163. For how long?—Three days.
 9164. How much a day does that come to?—There you can see—every man shared a penny per penny.
 9165. There is more here?—No, that is another thing.
 9166. All these men got this 25*l*.?—They got this 25*l*.
 9167. (*Mr. Jeune.*) That was the big flagstaff, opposite Prince of Wales' Terrace?—That is it.
 9168. (*Mr. Turner.*) What did all these 23 men do?—The first thing was we tried to get our flagstaff up, and we could not do it because it was from 70 to 80 feet high; then we had to dismantle that flagstaff, you see, and we were rather queer; then by-and-bye, because we should not be outwitted by the other party, this flagstaff was to out-do all the rest—this was to out-do all the Conservative flagstaffs. We goes and gets a ship's mast, that is about 60 or 70 feet high, and you may be sure that is a great weight. The next thing we got was a scaffold pole that reached from the ground right up to the other side of the houses—it might be 45 feet that was to go on the top of it; then we had to get the gallant mast. Then we had to get two iron caps, and they were of the weight of about 3 cwt. It is 80 feet high. It has to go above all

the rest, and above all the houses, and they could see it at Finglesham. I believe everybody saw it, and they were greatly gratified with it. Now the great question was, we had to come to Mr. Bristow's to get a pair of shears to rig it. When we went down to Mr. Bristow's he had got no shears. What does we have to do? We had to dismantle our luggers to get these shears, and unrig all our masts and get our flags and ropes to get this up. Now, it is no little weight to get it up because it is 80 or 90 feet high when it is up. We dismantled our two boats, that is our big luggers, and you see how many people we have got here.

9169. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did it take 23 men all this time?—We are all included in it. We dismantles our masts, and suppose anything should come on the Goodwin Sands, or anything like that, our two big luggers were dismantled.

9170. You got paid for putting up the flagstaff, and the possible loss which you might have in not having your boats ready to go to sea?—Yes.

9171. What you got paid for was the possible loss in consequence of your boats being unfit to go to sea?—Yes; that is 25*l*.

9172. (*Mr. Turner.*) Then there is another sum of 25*l*. "We, the above-signed, received from Mr. Ramell, 2*l*. "for taking down the flagstaff, 16*s*. for door-keeping, "and 11*l*. 15*s*. for night watchmen?"—That is right.

9173. What is the 11*l*. 15*s*. for?—Watching the flagstaff.

9174. When it was put up there?—That and the rest you see. Before I start with this, I will explain it to you.

(*Mr. Holl.*) We cannot have our time wasted by your long account.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) Do not make the story as long as the pole itself.

9175. (*Mr. Turner.*) How many were there a night, watching?—There were four, or five, or six, and they were on from 8 to 12, and from 12 to 4.

9176. Four hours each watch?—Yes; and you will find every man's name there.

9177. What was the 2*l*. for; for taking down this enormous flagstaff?—Yes, only 2*l*. We had to push it down. We did not rig the shears to take it down, but we had to push it down.

9178. 16*s*. for door keeping?—Yes. We had to act as policemen when Sir Julian Goldsmid was there. I think you will find every man there, who shared penny per penny.

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9179. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you choose the men to assist in this?—I did.

9180. Were they friends of yours?—Not particular. We Deal boatmen are all brothers; we all share shilling and shilling, and you will find we shared shilling and shilling, and penny per penny.

9181. Are they all voters?—No; but you will find a great many there.

9182. (*Mr. Holl.*) They are most of them voters?—Most of them. There might have been 10 or 15. I do not know who are not voters.

9183. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Was this a Conservative flagstaff?—No, it was Sir Julian Goldsmid's flagstaff. I tell you the reason this was put on for; because some malicious person or other—he was no friend to Sir Julian Goldsmid, and he was no friend to Mr. Crompton Roberts—

9184. (*Mr. Holl.*) Are you sure your watchmen did not do as some watchmen told us yesterday, that they went and looked at the poles the last thing at night?—Look here, we had too good a watch on them for that. A malicious person took our main flagstaff down, and I took good care they did not do it again; we were creeping about for them. We did not know whether it was going to kill Sir Julian Goldsmid or Mr. Crompton Roberts. As it was 80 feet high we did not know whether it was going to fall one side of the house or the other.

9185. Do you mean to say these men watched turn and turn, the whole night through?—Yes.

9186. Was it for watching this particular flagstaff?—No, all round.

M. Larkins.

MURRAY LARKINS sworn and examined.

9200. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

9201. Where do you live?—No. 5, Primrose Hill, Deal.

9202. Did you receive any money?—I did; 3*l*.

9203. From whom?—Mr. Hayman.

S. Aves.

SAMUEL AVES sworn and examined.

9207. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

9208. Where?—In Deal.

9209. Do you live in Deal?—Yes.

9210. Where?—No. 2, Denmark Place, Blenheim Road.

9211. What did you receive?—3*l*.

9212. From whom?—Mr. Hayman.

9213. What for, voting for Mr. Roberts?—Mr. Roberts.

9214. You received 3*l*. to vote for him?—Yes.

9215. Did you vote for him?—Yes.

9216. Did you receive anything else?—No.

H. Bond.

HENRY BOND sworn and examined.

9217. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A schoolmaster.

9218. Where do you live?—5, Nelson Street.

9219. What did you receive?—5*l*.

9220. From whom?—Mr. Thomas Allen, Peter Street.

9221. What was that for?—Voting.

9222. For whom?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.

9223. Did you vote for him?—Yes.

9224. Did you receive anything else?—No.

9225. Was the 5*l*. promised you before you voted?—No; I did not receive the money until after the election.

9226. You received it after the election, but before the election you knew that you were going to have something?—Yes.

9227. He told you he would remember you if you voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

H. Axon.

HENRY AXON sworn and examined.

9228. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

9229. Where do you live?—No. 6, Alma Place, Walmer Road.

9230. What did you receive?—I received 5*l*.

9231. From Mr. Pearson?—Yes.

9232. What for?—For expenses coming home from Salcombe, and detention of time.

9233. And for your vote, I suppose?—No, I was brought home; at least I came home of my own accord, 200 miles, on purpose to give my vote.

9234. You were asked to come home, were you not?—Yes.

9235. By whom?—By Mr. Pearson.

9236. He asked you to come home?—Yes.

9237. And he told you you should not lose, I suppose, if you came home?—He did not tell me anything about that.

9238. Who did you vote for?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid, and I got my money about 8 or 10 days after the election.

9239. You knew you were going to have something if

you voted for Sir Julian?—I expected my expenses paid for my detention of time, as I had come all those miles.

9240. (*Mr. Holl.*) You knew that one of your mates had a letter telling him that, if you came home to vote, your expenses, and all that, would be paid?—He did not say anything about being paid for voting; he told us to come home.

9241. Did they say you would have your expenses paid?—They did not tell me, but I judged that I should have my expenses paid and be paid for detention of time.

9242. (*Mr. Turner.*) What were your actual expenses?—About 2*l*.

9243. Your actual expenses of coming home?—Yes.

9244. The other was for your loss of time?—Yes.

9245. How many days were you here?—I came home on the day before the polling came off.

9246. And you went away the next day?—Yes.

9247. Are you one of the "Petrel" crew?—No.

9248. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where did you come from?—I came up to Portsmouth in the "Petrel."

9249. You came to Portsmouth in the "Petrel," and then you came here from Portsmouth by rail?—Yes.

9250. How long were you coming here, from the time you started to come home?—We started out of Salcombe on Friday evening, got to Portsmouth on Sunday evening, and started from Portsmouth on Monday morning by the first train.

9251. You started to come home on the Friday evening and you voted on the Tuesday?—Yes.

9252. Did you have anything else besides this 5*l*.?—No, not a farthing.

9253. Are you the same Axon who is entered as living at Castle Row?—No.

9254. He is a different man?—He is a cousin of mine; he is at sea now.

9255. Were you one of the crew of the "Petrel"?—No, I belonged to another lugger.

9256. Then how is it you came as far as Portsmouth in the "Petrel"?—Because I thought it would be less expense if we came to Portsmouth by the "Petrel" to come here.

9257. Was your cousin one of the "Petrel" crew?—Yes.

9258. All the money you expended in coming here was 2*l*.?—Yes, about 2*l*.

9259. And that took you back to your ship again?—Yes.

9260. It cost you 2*l*. for both coming and going?—Yes.

9261. The other is entirely for loss of time?—Yes.

H. Axon.

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The proceedings were adjourned for a short time.

HENRY HUSON sworn and examined.

H. Huson.

9262. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

9263. Where do you live?—I live at No. 2, Douro Cottages, Lower Walmer.

9264. What money did you receive?—I received 18*l*.

9265. Who from?—Mr. Rose, tailor, at Lower Walmer.

9266. What did you do with it?—I divided it amongst five more voters, besides myself.

9267. You gave them 3*l*. apiece?—Yes.

9268. Have you got a list of the voters you gave it to?—No, I have not; but I can give you their names and addresses.

9269. Were they all Liberal voters?—All Liberals.

9270. Was the money given to them to vote for the Liberal candidate?—I believe so; it was after the voting.

9271. You had them to pay?—Yes.

9272. You told them beforehand that they would get something if they voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

9273. You had 3*l*. of that yourself?—Yes.

9274. Had you any other money?—No other money at all.

9275. Now will you be kind enough to sit down and write us out the names and addresses of those five men?—Yes.

RICHARD KENNEY sworn and examined.

R. Kenney.

9276. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

9277. Where do you live?—Middle Street.

9278. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

9279. Three pounds?—Yes.

9280. From whom?—Mr. Finnis.

9281. What was that for?—To go and vote.

9282. For whom?—I do not know as he said who particular, but I did; it was for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

9283. Did you vote for him?—No.

9284. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.

9285. How came that about?—I do not know, I am sure; I thought he was most likely to win, I suppose.

9286. Did you get anything from his side?—Yes, I had 3*l*. from Mr. Ralph, but he did not give it to me; he told me I was to have some, and I took it from the table, and put it in my pocket.

9287. He thought you were going to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—I expect so.

9288. And Mr. Finnis, from whom you got 3*l*., thought you were going to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—I expect so.

9289. You knew it?—I was a little beery; I did not know hardly what I was doing.

9290. You kept both the 3*l*.?—Yes.

JOHN WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

J. Williams.

9291. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

9292. Where do you live?—Smith's Folly.

9293. What did you receive?—3*l*.

9294. From whom?—Thomas Hornsby Finnis.

9295. What was that for?—That is all I know.

9296. You knew it was for your vote, was it not?—I believe it was.

9297. For whom, Sir Julian?—Yes.

9298. Did you vote for him?—Yes.

9299. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

RICHARD BEALE sworn and examined.

R. Beale.

9300. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

9301. Where do you live?—No. 10, Alfred Row.

9302. What did you receive?—3*l*. From Mr. Finnis.

9303. What was that for?—For my vote, I suppose.

9304. To vote for Sir Julian?—He did not say nothing about it.

9305. You knew that?—I judged that as he was a Blue.

9306. Did you vote for him?—No.

9307. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.

9308. How was that?—I had 3*l*. off Mr. Grigg; I promised him my vote a week before.

9309. You had 3*l*. from Mr. Grigg?—Yes.

9310. And that was to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, that was to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

9311. That had been promised you before you had the 3*l*. for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

9312. You took the two?—Yes.

9313. How do you account for that?—I do not know; I had some beer, and I had no money; I had never been a voter before.

9314. Did you receive any other besides those two sums?—I received a few shillings for putting poles up now and then.

JAMES BIRD sworn and examined.

J. Bird.

9315. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

9316. Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

9317. What did you receive?—3*l*.

9318. From whom?—Mr. Bushell.

9319. What was that for?—For my vote.

9320. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Roberts.

9321. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—No.

9322. Nothing at all?—No, only 2*s*. for putting up flags.

9323. You got it from Mr. Bushell to pay for your vote for Mr. Roberts?—Yes.

Q 3334.

H. H. Darby.

HENRY HUNTER DARBY sworn and examined.

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9324. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A baker.
 9325. Where do you live?—Water Street.
 9326. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 9327. From whom?—Thomas Allen.

9328. What was that for?—For my vote.
 9329. For whom?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 9330. Did you vote for him?—Yes.
 9331. Did you receive anything else?—No.

S. Allen.

STEPHEN ALLEN sworn and examined.

9332. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pensioner.
 9333. Where do you live?—3, Castalia Villas, Lower Walmer.
 9334. You received something from Mr. Bushell, I think?—Yes.
 9335. How much?—3*l.*

9336. Was that to vote for Mr. Roberts?—I suppose so; I had no other reason.
 9337. Did you vote for Mr. Roberts?—Yes.
 9338. Had you any other money?—No, nothing whatever.

W. Spicer.

WALTER SPICER sworn and examined.

9339. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A butcher.
 9340. Where do you live?—16, Peter Street.
 9341. What did you receive?—I received 3*l.* from Mr. Wilds, of the "North Star."
 9342. What was that for?—For my vote, I suppose; I had no other reason.
 9343. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Roberts.
 9344. Was it to vote for Mr. Roberts?—I suppose it was; we came to no understanding beforehand that I was to vote for him, but I had that I suppose for voting for him.
 9345. You supposed it was for that?—Yes.
 9346. And you did vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.
 9347. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.
 9348. What was that?—I received 3*l.* from Mr. Thomas Allen, of Peter Street.
 9349. What was that for?—Three or four days beforehand he asked me if I had a room that I could let him for a committee room; I said I did not know; he says, "Well, we shall make no use of it, I do not suppose." "Well," I says, "I daresay you can have it." He says, "Will 5*l.* do?" I says, "It will." The morning

of the election he sent to me 3*l.*; of course I cannot say that he was aware that I was going to vote for the Liberals, when he knew I was going to drive the carriage for the Conservatives. I drove a carriage for the Conservatives for a few days beforehand, so he might have thought he might have influenced my vote towards the Conservatives.

9350. (*Mr. Holl.*) Is Thomas Allen a Conservative or Liberal?—He was a Liberal.

9351. You cannot say whether you thought the 3*l.* was to influence your vote for the Liberals?—I cannot say whether he thought that that would influence me to vote for the Liberals, knowing us all to be Conservatives.

9352. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did he know you were going to vote for the Conservatives?—He did not know I suppose.

9353. Did he pay you the 3*l.* before or after you voted?—Before I voted.

9354. (*Mr. Holl.*) He had nothing else to pay you for, except your vote, had he?—Only for the room that he presumed to hire.

9355. He had no reason for taking the room, except to get your vote?—Not that I know of.

9356. He did not use it?—No, he made no use of it whatever.

W. Dunn.

WILLIAM DUNN sworn and examined.

9357. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A paper-hanger.
 9358. Where do you live?—26, Beach Street.
 9359. What money did you receive?—3*l.*
 9360. From whom?—From T. W. Allen, Peter Street.
 9361. What was that for?—To vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 9362. Did you vote for him?—No.
 9363. Did you vote for Mr. Roberts?—Yes.
 9364. How came that about?—I had been promised the 3*l.* to vote for Sir Julian. I waited in the best part of the morning, and it was afternoon when I went up to

the voting office and voted. I had not had any money until then. When I got back Mr. Allen had left the 3*l.* with my wife. I had promised him to vote for Sir Julian, but I went up and voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts when I found he did not come. When I had come home he had left 3*l.* with my wife for my vote.

9365. Did you get anything from Mr. Crompton Roberts?—No.

9366. Then it was a good deal spite?—A good deal that was.

9367. Did you get anything else?—No.

H. R. Amess.

HENRY RAMELL AMESS sworn and examined.

9368. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A market gardener.
 9369. Where do you live?—I live at 6, North Sandy Lane.
 9370. What did you receive?—I will tell you what I received. Mr. Allen came to my wife some days before the election and wanted the committee room. I never sent for Mr. Allen. She engaged the committee room for Mr. Allen for 5*l.*; that was the agreement; she asked him at the same time whether it was perfectly legal, and he said yes. Well, then she received it the morning of the election, so it would not do for me to say anything more.
 9371. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid; I was obliged to vote; they were all Liberals there; I was among about 40.

9372. The room was never used?—Oh no.

9373. That was a mere blind; 5*l.* was for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so, I do not know, I would not have nothing to do with it.

9374. You kept the 5*l.*?—I never had it.

9375. Who had it?—She had it and received it; I know nothing about it. I am one of the innocent ones.

9376. Had you any of the other money?—No. Joseph Brown, a farmer, came down, and several others, on the Sunday morning, but I would not entertain anyone. He is very popular, I believe. He had a lot of money in his hands.

R. Pysden.

RICHARD PYSDEN sworn and examined.

9377. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What are you?—A labouring man.
 9378. Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 9379. What did you have at the election?—I had 3*l.* off Mr. Wise, and 3*l.* off Mr. Millen.
 9380. Did you get both sums before you voted?—No, neither of them not until after.
 9381. Were either of the sums promised you before you voted?—No.

9382. Had you any talk with Mr. Wise before you voted?—No.

9383. Had you any talk with Mr. Wise before you voted?—Yes, I saw Mr. Wise before the election; they both came to me.

9384. Did you promise Mr. Wise to vote for his man?—I did not give him a satisfactory answer. I said probably I might.

9385. And you said the same thing to Mr. Millen?—Yes.

9386. You received 3*l.* from each of them after the voting was over?—Some time after I voted.

9387. Which side did you vote?—Mr. Roberts.

JAMES FILES BINGHAM sworn and examined.

9390. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—8, Grove Terrace.

9391. What are you?—A waterman.

9392. What did you have at the election?—3*l.*

9393. Who from?—Mr. Hayman.

GEORGE LAMBY SUTTON sworn and examined.

9397. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—21, Farrier Street, Deal.

9398. What are you?—What do you mean?

9399. What is your occupation?—Chimney-cleaner.

9400. How much did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

9401. From whom?—Mr. Hayman.

9402. Was that for your vote?—I cannot say whether that was for my vote. He gave it to me. I was told to call at his house.

9403. Was there anything else he could have paid you for except your vote?—Yes.

9404. What?—For cleaning the chimney.

9405. Did he engage you to clean a chimney?—Yes.

9406. When?—The same morning that I received the money.

9407. What chimney?—The dining-room.

9408. The dining-room of his house; was that all?—That was all.

9409. He did not engage you to do anything else?—No.

9410. Simply to clean a chimney?—That is all.

9411. Do you mean to tell me seriously that you thought that 3*l.* was for cleaning one of the chimneys?—No, I knew it was not.

THOMAS JOHN CONSTANT sworn and examined.

9422. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 8, Griffin Street.

9423. What is your occupation?—A beachman.

9424. What did you have at the election?—I cannot exactly tell you.

9425. Do not you know?—No.

9426. Tell me as near as you can?—I had 3*l.* for one thing.

9427. Who was that from?—Mr. Thomas Hornsby Finnis, the "Fox Inn."

9428. Was that 3*l.* for your vote?—I cannot say; I expect so.

9429. You think it was?—Yes.

9430. Was it given to you before the election?—Two or three days before the election; on the Saturday morning; the election came on the Tuesday.

9431. Did he ask you to vote for either candidate?—No; he heard the yarn I had been spinning some weeks and weeks before the election.

9432. When he gave you the money what did he say it was for?—He did not say it was for anything.

HENRY SPICER sworn and examined.

9447. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—16, Princes Street.

9448. What is your occupation?—I have been a pork butcher this 40 or 50 years, but my son is doing it now. I am living with him.

9449. What did you have at the election?—My son brought me one night three sovereigns to give to me, and said, "That is for you." "Me!" I says. He said, "I was told to give it to you." From what I understand, it came from Mr. Allen, but Mr. Allen never spoke to me about the election, or nothing of the kind. He never asked me for a vote at all, neither have I seen him since.

9388. Why?—I do not know the reason why, I am sure.

9389. I cannot suggest it. Did you receive anything else?—No, not a farthing. They told me there was a little money going to be given away at the election, and I told them I was very much obliged to them.

9394. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

9395. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing at all.

9396. You voted, I suppose?—Yes.

9412. Then why did you say it just now?—You never asked me.

9413. Yes, I did?—I beg your pardon.

9414. Answer the questions, and mind what you are about, or you will find yourself in a greater mess than you think for?—You asked me what I got the money for. I said sweeping the chimney.

9415. You did not think that. I did ask you. Do you not know that that 3*l.* was for your vote?—I do not know that it was for my vote.

9416. Do you mean to say that on your oath?—I knew it was not for my sweeping the chimney.

9417. What else could it have been for?—That I do not know. The election was coming off a few days after.

9418. Do you not think it was for your vote?—I could not possibly say.

9419. Do you not think it was?—I could not swear so.

9420. Do you not believe it was now?—The way things are going on, it may be so.

9420*a.* Now on your oath, do you not believe that that 3*l.* was for your vote?—It was for my vote, there is no doubt.

9421. Of course it was. Then why did you not say so. Now go away; we have had enough of you.

(*Mr. Holl.*) If anybody comes and tells a deliberate falsehood in that way again we shall find it our duty to take a course which will be very unpleasant.

9433. You understood it was for your vote?—Of course.

9434. What else did you receive?—1*s.* 8*d.* and a pint of beer one day.

9435. What was that for?—For putting up a flag pole.

9436. Anything else?—Yes, 3*s.*

9437. What was that for?—Putting up a flag pole.

9438. Anything else?—1*s.* 7*d.* and a pint.

9439. Was that for putting up a flag pole?—Yes, that was for putting up a flag pole.

9440. Anything else?—No.

9441. From neither side?—No.

9442. You are sure that is all you got. Who gave you the 1*s.* 8*d.*, the 3*s.*, and the 1*s.* 7*d.*; who did you receive these sums from?—I cannot say.

9443. You do not remember?—No.

9444. Do you remember who gave you the beer?—Yes.

9445. Who was that?—Mr. Finnis.

9446. That was all you had at the election, was it?—Yes, that was all.

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not know. He never asked me, and he never named such a thing to me.

9456. I daresay not, but you understood it was for your vote?—I do not know; I cannot say.

(Walter Spicer.) He thought it was out of kindness. (The witness.) I was getting so in years.

9457. (Mr. Jeune.) Did you not understand that this 3*l.* was for your vote?—No, I did not. He did not ask me. If he had asked me the question I should have known.

9458. Did you vote at the election?—Yes.

9459. Can you imagine what the 3*l.* was for, if it was

not for the vote?—He knows as well as I do that I have always been Conservative; and that is the truth.

9460. Did you think he gave you 3*l.* because you were a Conservative and a voter?—I have done so years and years.

9461. You were going to vote for him?—He never asked me.

9462. Do you not know perfectly well that that 3*l.* was given to you because you were going to vote for the Conservatives?—He might want to entice me to vote that way, but still he never mentioned such a thing to me.

9463. You did not want it to be mentioned to you?—No, I did not.

H. W. Miles.

HENRY WISE MILES sworn and examined.

9464. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—144, High Street.

9465. And you drive the Dover coach, I believe?—Yes.

9466. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

9467. From whom?—I really do not know the man's name.

9468. (Mr. Holl.) Mr. Millen?—No. He is a carpenter I got it from.

9469. (Mr. Jeune.) Do not you remember who it was?—No, I do not.

9470. Do you know where the money came from?—I do not.

9471. What did he tell you it was for?—I was on my coach at the time; the horses were restless.

9472. And he asked you to vote for someone?—He asked me to vote for Sir Julian.

9473. Did he give you the 3*l.* then?—Yes.

9474. That 3*l.*, I suppose, was for your vote?—I suppose so.

9475. Did you vote?—I did vote.

9476. Are you quite sure it was 3*l.* and not 4*l.*?—4*l.*

9477. Is that all you had?—That is all.

H. Huson.

HENRY HUSON re-called and further examined.

9478. (Mr. Holl.) This is the list of the people you gave the money to?—Yes.

9479. Did you give 3*l.* to each of these five people?—Yes.

9480. (Mr. Jeune.) And you had 3*l.* for yourself?—Yes.

9481. Is that all the money you had?—That is all.

J. Adams.

JACK ADAMS sworn and examined.

9482. (Mr. Jeune.) You live at 146, Middle Street, do you not?—Yes.

9483. What is your occupation?—A boatman.

9484. What did you get at the election?—I had 3*l.*

9485. From whom?—Mr. Grigg.

9486. Did you have anything else?—Yes.

9487. What else?—I had 1*l.* from Mr. Warner; he told me that was to get me some refreshments; a week before the election.

9488. Did he tell you who sent the 1*l.*?—He said that Sir Julian had sent it.

9489. You had been ill, I believe, had not you?—I had.

9490. And the 1*l.* was to get things that you wanted?—Yes, I suppose it was.

9491. Was the 3*l.* which you got from Mr. Grigg for your vote?—I believe it was.

9492. Was that all you received?—No.

9493. What else did you receive?—On the morning of the election Mr. Thomas Hornsby Finnis said, "I have 'to give you 2*l.* to make up 3*l.*, with the 1*l.* which 'Mr. Warner gave to you.'"

9494. He said he gave you 2*l.* more to make up 3*l.* with Mr. Warner's 1*l.*?—Yes.

9495. Who was that to vote for?—He did not say who it was to vote for; he said he had orders to give me 2*l.*

9496. Mr. Grigg's 3*l.* was to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts, was it not?—I believe so.

9497. Was that all you received?—I received several other moneys for putting up poles.

9498. Did not you receive more from Mr. Warner?—I received some beef, some mutton, and a bottle of wine.

9499. I mean some more money?—No.

9500. I think Mr. Warner said 7*l.*?—Oh no, not to me.

9501. It could hardly be 7*l.* worth of things?—No, it was about 2*l.* of beef, about a pound and a half of neck of mutton, and a bottle of wine, and a little arrowroot.

9502. Did Mr. Warner tell you that that came from Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes, he said Sir Julian had sent him to see what he could do for me, to give me some nourishment, and I had it in the evening after he called.

9503. Which way did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

9504. Why did you do that?—I thought there was no chance of Sir Julian getting in, so I thought I would vote for Mr. Roberts.

9505. You voted for the man who you thought had got the chance?—Yes.

9506. (Mr. Holl.) At this time were you ill?—Yes, I was. I was not so ill, but that I could get about.

9507. You had 2*l.* of beef, a pound and a half of mutton, a bottle of wine, and some arrowroot sent you?—Yes.

9508. Then you say Mr. Warner gave you 1*l.*?—That was on the Monday, and the election came off on the Tuesday.

9509. Mr. Warner gave you 1*l.*?—Yes.

9510. Did he tell you that he had brought that from Sir Julian?—No.

9511. He did not tell you that?—No.

9512. What did he say about the 1*l.*?—I was standing at my door with my arm in a sling; Mr. Warner came along, and said, "What is the matter with your arm?" I said, "I run a bit of glass in my hand." He said, "That is a bad job." He was standing in the passage talking about it, and as he went out he put his hand in his pocket and gave me 1*l.*; nothing more passed.

9513. Nothing more passed about that?—No.

9514. When Mr. Finnis came he gave you 2*l.*?—Yes.

9515. Did he tell you that Sir Julian had told him to give you that?—No.

9516. (Mr. Jeune.) Did Mr. Warner say that the 1*l.* was for refreshments?—I judged it was for refreshments by him giving it to me.

9517. Did not he ask you how you were, or what you wanted, or anything of that kind?—He asked me what was the matter with me, and I told him, so he put his hand in his pocket before he went and gave me 1*l.*

9518. Did anything more pass about that between you at the time?—No.

9519. When did the beef and other things come?—That was a week before the election.

9520. Did Mr. Warner bring them to you?—No; I think a boy brought them.

9521. Do you know his name?—No, I was not in there at the time.

9522. You found them when you came in?—Yes.

9523. How did you know from whom they came?—Because he told me he was going to send something for me, so I supposed that was where it came from.

9524. Mr. Warner told you that he was going to send you some refreshments?—Yes.

9525. You said Mr. Warner said something about Sir Julian sending it?—When he first came I was in-doors, and he came to the door and said, “Does Jack Adams live here.” “Yes,” I said. He said, “Sir Julian has told me you have been very ill.”—I said, “I have been ill.”—“And he has sent me to see what I can do for you,” he said, “well, I will send you something in the evening,” and when I did come home it is as I told you before.

9526. Is that the same day that he gave you the 1l.?—No.

9527. That was another day?—Another day; the day before the election I received the 1l.

9528. Then Mr. Warner came again to your house?—Yes.

9529. He saw you standing at the door, and gave you 1l.?—As I was standing at the door.

9530. (*Mr. Holl.*) I think you said that Mr. Warner told you that Sir Julian had told him that you had been very ill, and that he would send you some refreshments; is that so?—Yes.

9531. Then on the same evening you went home and found some beef, mutton, wine, and arrowroot left at your house?—Yes.

9532. Mr. Warner told you he would send that?—Yes.

9533. How long was it after that that Mr. Warner called and saw you with your arm in a sling?—That was one evening.

9534. How many days after was it?—I do not know whether it was on Thursday or Friday that I had the beef.

9535. It was some two or three days after at any rate?—Yes, on the Monday, as the election came on the Tuesday.

9536. Mr. Warner was going by, he saw you with your arm in a sling, and he asked you what was the matter?—And I told him.

9537. You said you had a piece of glass run in your hand?—Yes.

9538. He put his hand into his pocket and gave you a sovereign?—Yes.

9539. Is that all that occurred at that time?—Yes.

9540. Subsequently Mr. Finnis gave you 2l.?—Yes, on the election morning. He said I had had 1l. off Mr. Warner, and he had to give me 2l. more.

9541. He gave you 2l. more?—Yes.

9542. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

9543. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you know how Sir Julian knew that you were ill?—I do not know that. I do not know how he come to know it, because I have never seen the man, and I should not know him if I did see him.

9544. (*Mr. Holl.*) Had you been ill for some time?—I had to leave the place where I was at work.

9545. How long had you been ill?—I had been ill a fortnight or 17 days.

9546. And you were out of work in consequence of your illness at that time?—Yes.

J. Adams.

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GEORGE SPINNER sworn and examined.

G. Spinner.

9547. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

9548. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

9549. What did you have?—4l.

9550. From whom did you receive it?—From a man of the name of Bishop.

9551. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

9552. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.

9553. What is Mr. Bishop's Christian name?—John, I think.

9554. Was that all you received?—Yes.

EDWARD REDSULL sworn and examined.

E. Redsull.

9555. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Deal.

9556. What is your occupation?—A general dealer.

9557. What did you get at the election?—I got 3l.

9558. From whom?—Mr. Lee.

9559. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

9560. Was that all you received?—That is all.

GEORGE MOCKITT sworn and examined.

G. Mockitt.

9561. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you live at 60D, High Street?—Yes.

9562. What is your occupation?—I have none.

9563. What money did you receive at the election?—3l.

9564. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Allen.

9565. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

9566. Did you receive anything else?—No.

EDWARD MORRIS CURLING sworn and examined.

E. M. Curling.

9567. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—High Street, Upper Walmer.

9568. What are you?—A labourer.

9569. What did you get at the election?—3l.

9570. From whom?—From Thomas Barnes, Walmer Road.

9571. Where does Mr. Barnes live?—He keeps a public-house.

9572. Is it the “Cambridge Arms”?—Yes, I believe it is.

9573. You got 3l. from him you say?—Yes.

9574. Was that for your vote?—I believe so.

9575. Is that all you received?—Yes.

9576. Are you sure you had nothing else?—No, nothing else.

9577. You had no sum from Mr. Bushell?—No, nothing else.

9578. Do you know whether Mr. Barnes brought you the money from Mr. Bushell?—I cannot tell.

9579. Did Mr. Barnes tell you from whom he brought it?—No, he never told me anything about it at all. He only gave me 3l.

9580. You are quite sure that is the only sum you have had?—Quite sure.

GEORGE PITCHER sworn and examined.

G. Pitcher.

9581. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 3, George Street.

9582. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

9583. What did you receive at the election?—I received 3l. from Mr. Grigg and 3l. from Mr. Finnis.

9584. 3l. from Mr. Grigg, was that to vote?—Yes, it was to vote.

9585. For which side was that?—For Mr. Crompton Roberts.

9586. And the 3l. from Mr. Finnis was to vote for Sir Julian?—I suppose so. He called me out and gave me the 3l., and says, “You can go where you like,” but he never said it was for a vote, or nothing else.

9587. You understood that it was for your vote?—I expected it was.

9588. Was that all you received?—I do not know whether it was 3s. I had for putting up a pole.

W. License.

WILLIAM LICENSE sworn and examined.

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9589. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—"Saracen's Head," Alfred Square.

9590. What did you get at the election?—I got 5*l.* for a committee room.

9591. Who did you receive that from?—Mr. Olds.

9592. What else did you get?—I got 5*l.* to distribute.

9593. From whom?—From Mr. Olds.

9594. Who did you give that to?—Here is a list (*handing paper*).

9595. There are 17 names, are there not?—Yes.

9596. That is 3*l.* a-piece?—Yes.

9597. You gave all these men 3*l.* a-piece for their votes?—Quite so.

9598. Did you receive anything else at the election?—No, that is all I received.

J. Coleman.

JAMES COLEMAN sworn and examined.

9599. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You live in the New Cut, and what is your occupation?—A labourer.

9600. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

9601. From whom?—Samuel Pearson.

9602. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

9603. When did you receive it?—Three or four days after the election.

9604. Which side were you to vote for that 3*l.*?—For Sir Julian Goldsamid.

9605. Was that all you received?—That was all.

J. Coleman.

JOHN COLEMAN sworn and examined.

9606. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You live at Mill Road, and what is your occupation?—A labourer.

9607. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

9608. From whom?—Samuel Pearson.

9609. Did you get that for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.

9610. Did you talk to him about your vote before the election?—No.

9611. Did you talk to anybody?—No.

9612. Nobody at all?—No.

9613. Were you canvassed?—No.

9614. Did nobody ask you to vote before?—No.

9615. Neither side?—Neither side.

9616. You expected to get something, I suppose?—I did not expect nothing at all.

9617. Do you mean that nobody spoke to you about your vote before the election at all?—I had a card sent to me by both parties.

9618. I mean nobody spoke to you?—No. I live down at my place, and I go down the town to see what there is about.

9619. But did no one ask you for your vote?—No, never asked me which way I was going.

9620. Did Mr. Pearson himself give you this 3*l.*?—Yes.

9621. What did he say it was for?—For the vote, I suppose.

9622. He asked you how you voted, and you said you voted for Sir Julian?—Yes.

9623. And then he gave you 3*l.*?—Yes.

9624. How did Mr. Pearson know that you had voted for Sir Julian. Are you quite sure you had not talked to him about it before?—He came round in a fly, he took me down there, and I did not see much of Mr. Pearson.

9625. They sent for you?—The party came round to my house and took me down in a fly.

9626. They had the blue colours on?—Yes.

9627. And you went in their fly?—Yes.

9628. And they took you down to vote?—Yes.

9629. I suppose they said, "You are going to vote our way"?—It did not make any odds to me which way I voted.

9630. But it made an odds to them. I suppose they talked to you on the way down?—We were about five minutes going down.

9631. They said, "I suppose you are going to vote 'our way,' or something of that sort?—Yes, you may be sure of that.

9632. Is that all you received?—That is all.

J. Stevens.

JAMES STEVENS sworn and examined.

9633. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—4½, Queen Street.

9634. What is your occupation?—A coachman.

9635. What did you get at the election?—7*l.*

9636. From whom?—3*l.* from Mr. Wilds and 4*l.* from Mr. Redman.

9637. What was the 3*l.* for?—For my vote.

9638. For which side?—Mr. Roberts.

9639. And the 4*l.* from Mr. Redman was for what?—For my vote.

9640. For Sir Julian?—Yes.

9641. Which way did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Roberts.

9642. Did you receive anything else?—No.

J.H. Mumbray.

JOHN HADLEY MUMBRAY sworn and examined.

9643. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Deal.

9644. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

9645. What did you receive at the election?—8*l.*

9646. From whom?—3*l.* from Mr. Bales, and 5*l.* from Mr. Millen, Griffen Street.

9647. What was the 3*l.* from Mr. Bales for?—To vote.

9648. Which side?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.

9649. And the 5*l.* from Mr. Millen was to vote for Sir Julian, is that so?—I suppose so.

9650. Which side did you vote for?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.

9651. Why did you vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?

—I thought he was an untried man, and I thought it was a very good chance to give him a trial to see what he would turn out to be. I thought he was a gentleman.

9652. You got 5*l.* from one side and 3*l.* from the other. You preferred the 3*l.*?—I did not get the 5*l.* until a week before the inquiry.

9653. When did you get the 3*l.*?—A few days after the election.

9654. You received neither before the election?—No.

9655. Did Mr. Millen mention the sum of 5*l.*?—Yes, he had mentioned about it several times.

9656. What wages do you get?—18*s.* a week.

G. Abbott.

GEORGE ABBOTT sworn and examined.

9657. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—31, Water Street.

9658. What is your occupation?—A pensioner.

9659. Were you in the army or navy?—Navy.

9660. What did you get at the election?—5*l.* was sent down to me from Mr. Outwin by his son. After that I found 3*l.* covered up on my table with a dish.

9661. Let us have the 5*l.* from Mr. Outwin first. What is his son's name?—I do not know his name.

9662. When did you receive that?—The morning of the election.

9663. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

9664. Now the 3*l.* You say you found that in a dish?—I found that under a dish on my table.

9665. You do not often find 3*l*. under your dish?—No. I should like another.

9666. When was it?—Just before I went to vote, about 11 o'clock.

9667. Who put it there?—I do not know. I did not see anyone put it there.

9668. But you know, do you not?—I think Mr. Woodruff put it there.

9669. You heard that Mr. Woodruff had been about?—He had been in the neighbourhood.

9670. Had you talked to Mr. Woodruff about your vote?—Not then. I did not see him.

9671. At any time before you voted?—It had been talked about.

9672. Between you and him?—Yes.

9673. And you thought he was going to give you something?—He talked about it.

9674. When you saw the 3*l*. you knew where it had come from?—I judged it came from Mr. Woodruff, and I put it in my pocket.

9675. Then you went and voted?—There was nobody there to return it to.

9676. Which way did you vote?—For Sir Julian.

9677. Why did you vote for Sir Julian?—Because I always voted Blue.

9678. You got paid by both sides and voted according to your principles?—Yes.

9679. Was that all you got?—Yes.

9680. That was all?—Yes.

G. Abbott.

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JOHN MAY sworn and examined.

9681. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—6, Alexandra Cottages.

9682. What are you?—A boatman.

9683. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

9684. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Rea.

9685. Was that for your vote?—Yes; and I was

promised 2*l*. more if Mr. Roberts got in, but I have not received it.

9686. He did get in, but he was got out again?—We did not get him out.

9687. Was that all you received?—Yes; except a few shillings for helping putting up the poles.

9688. Is that all?—Yes.

J. May.

WILLIAM KEMP sworn and examined.

9689. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What are you?—A general labourer.

9690. What did you get at the last election?—3*l*.

9691. From whom?—Mr. William Bushell.

9692. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

9693. Did you receive anything else?—No.

9694. Nothing else at all?—No, nothing else at all.

W. Kemp.

JOHN DREW sworn and examined.

9695. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—7, Oak Street.

9696. What is your occupation?—Basket-maker.

9697. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

9698. From whom?—Mr. Hayman.

9699. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

9700. Is that all you got?—Yes; that is all.

9701. Nothing else at all?—No; nothing else at all.

J. Drew.

WILLIAM GUNNER sworn and examined.

9702. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—123, High Street.

9703. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

9704. What did you get at the last election?—3*l*.

9705. From whom?—Mr. Ralph.

9706. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

9707. Is that all you received?—Yes, that is all.

W. Gunner.

WILLIAM BOWLES sworn and examined.

9708. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—125, Beach Street.

9709. What is your occupation?—A painter.

9710. What did you get at the last election?—6*l*.

9711. From whom?—I received 3*l*. from Redman, and 3*l*. from Mr. Rea.

9712. You received 3*l*. from Mr. Redman to vote for whom?—He did not say who I was to vote for.

9713. Who did he ask you to vote for?—Nobody.

9714. Did he canvass you for your vote?—No, nobody canvassed me.

9715. How did you get the 3*l*.?—As a neighbour I got it.

9716. I do not quite understand?—If you understand me presently, perhaps you will.

9717. Answer the questions only. Did Mr. Redman talk to you, before you voted, about your vote?—I do not know that he did. I do not think he did.

9718. Cannot you remember, one way or the other, whether Mr. Redman asked you, before you voted, for your vote?—I do not think so.

9719. He might have done so?—No, I think not.

9720. Did anybody speak to you about your vote?—No, if you will allow me—

9721. You must answer the questions put to you, otherwise you will have to come again—before you voted, did anybody ask you for your vote?—No.

9722. No one at all?—No.

9723. On either side?—No.

9724. After the voting was over did Mr. Redman give you 3*l*.?—No, he gave it to me before.

9725. Before you voted?—Yes.

9726. When he gave it to you did he say what it was for?—No, he did not.

9727. Before you voted you say Mr. Redman gave you 3*l*.?—Yes.

9728. What did he say it was for?—I suppose it was

for the vote, but he said, "Do as you like with it,"—you understand me?

9729. I perfectly understand. When did you get the 3*l*. from Mr. Rea?—If you will allow me to explain myself, in the afternoon Mr. Rea came to me—

9730. You must answer the question and do nothing more—when did Mr. Rea give you the 3*l*.?—He came to me about 3 o'clock.

9731. Upon the polling day?—Yes, and he said to me—

9732. Answer the question and nothing else. Did he give you that 3*l*. then?—No.

9733. When did he give it you?—After the election.

9734. You saw him upon the polling day?—Yes, I saw him.

9735. What did he say to you then?—What did he say to me?

9736. Yes?—He said, "I do not think you are a 'Tory, I think you are a Liberal.'"

9737. Was that all?—Yes.

9738. And after the election he gave you 3*l*.?—Yes.

9739. Was that for having voted?—No. I was going to tell you, if you would allow me, what it was for.

9740. What was it for?—In the afternoon of the election, if you will allow me to speak, they broke my windows in Beach Street where I live, and Mr. Rea came to me and said, "Well," he says "3*l*. will pay you for 'it,'" I says, "I think it will,"—they did do it by two parties fighting.

9741. When did Mr. Rea say to you that he thought 3*l*. would pay for the windows?—After the election.

9742. And then he gave you 3*l*.?—Yes, he did give it to me—he gave me the money, and I gave Mr. Hughes a receipt for it.

9743. Is that all the money you received in connection with the election?—Yes.

9744. Are you quite sure?—Yes, it is, and I gave Mr. Hughes a receipt for the money.

W. Bowles.

H. Blythe.

HENRY BLYTHER sworn and examined.

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9745. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—13, Custom House Lane.
 9746. What is your occupation?—A hawker.
 9747. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 9748. From whom did you get it?—Mr. Lee, 6, Custom House Lane.

9749. Was that for your vote?—It was for my vote, I believe.

9750. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

R. W. Roberts.

RICHARD WILLIAM ROBERTS sworn and examined.

9751. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is your occupation?—A boatman.
 9752. Where do you live?—No. 1, Sandown Cottages.
 9753. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

9754. From whom?—Mr. Wilds.

9755. Was that for your vote?—I suppose.

9756. Was that all you got?—Yes, that is all.

J. C. Grant.

JOHN CHAPMAN GRANT sworn and examined.

9757. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—3, Peters Street.
 9758. What is your occupation?—Boatman.
 9759. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 9760. From whom?—Mr. Wilds, North Town.

9761. Was that for your vote?—Yes, that was for my vote.

9762. Did you receive anything else at the election?—No, not a farthing.

T. Barnes.

THOMAS BARNES sworn and examined.

9763. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—The "Cambridge Arms," Walmer.

9764. What did you receive at the election? You received, did you not, first of all 5*l.* from Mr. Olds for your committee room?—Yes.

9765. Then you received 6*l.* for canvassing?—Yes.

9766. And you received, besides that, 12*l.* to give to voters?—Yes.

9767. Did you give that sum to the voters, a list of which you have handed in?—There were three voters, I think, and one was, I think, an engaged clerk.

9768. I see that you gave 3*l.* to Curling, 2*l.* to Snelling and 2*l.* to Lawrence; and then 5*l.* to Richard Roach as general clerk?—Yes.

9769. Where did he act as clerk?—At the committee room at the "Cambridge Arms."

9770. Did anybody tell you to engage him?—One of the committee told me to engage him.

9771. Did they tell you what sum to agree with him for?—They told me to give him 5*l.*

9772. For his services?—Yes. He was there for nearly three weeks.

9773. Hardly as long as that, was it, from the time Mr. Olds took your house?—Yes.

9774. Did you engage him directly after that?—Yes, directly afterwards.

9775. Was he there every day?—Yes, as messenger and clerk.

9776. How long was he there during each day?—Perhaps two or three hours.

9777. Did you make a bargain with him that he was to do that for 5*l.*?—No; he did not know what he would receive till I paid him.

9778. Did you pay him before or after the election?—I paid him before the election.

9779. Was he a voter?—No.

9780. As to these other three, Curling, Snelling, and Lawrence, you gave the sums you have put down?—Yes; I gave 3*l.* to Curling, 2*l.* to Snelling, and 2*l.* to Lawrence.

9781. Was that for their votes?—I suppose it was.

9782. Is that all you received?—Yes, that is all I received.

9783. Where do these men live?—Curling lives in Upper Walmer, and Lawrence and Snelling live in York Street, Lower Walmer.

9784. Can you give the address more accurately than Upper Walmer?—No, I cannot.

9785. You are quite sure that is all you received at the election?—Yes, that is all I should think.

W. Blown.

WILLIAM BLOWN sworn and examined.

9786. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you live at 78, Middle Street?—Yes.

9787. What is your occupation?—I am a labourer at present.

9788. What did you get at the election?—6*l.*

9789. From whom?—3*l.* from Mr. Grigg, and 3*l.* from Mr. Finnis.

9790. As to the 3*l.* you got from Grigg, was that to vote?—That was to vote.

9791. And the 3*l.* you got from Finnis was to vote the other side?—Yes, to vote the other side.

9792. Which way did you vote?—For Mr. Roberts.

9793. Is that all you received?—Yes.

J. Dessent.

JOHN DESSENT sworn and examined.

9794. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 4, Brewer's Street.

9795. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

9796. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

9797. From whom?—From Mr. Jones of the "Sir Sidney Smith."

9798. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so. I did not do anything else.

9799. Is that all you received?—Yes, that is all.

F. Coleman.

FREDERICK COLEMAN sworn and examined.

9800. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You live in Cannonbury Place?—Yes.

9801. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

9802. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

9803. From whom?—Mr. Trollope.

9804. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

9805. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else at all.

E. Houghan.

EDWARD HOUGHAN sworn and examined.

9806. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—18, Victoria Road.

9807. What is your occupation?—A gasfitter.

9808. What did you get at the election?—4*l.* altogether.

9809. From whom did you receive that?—Mr. Cox.

9810. What was that for?—That was to vote for the Liberals.

9811. Did you vote?—Yes.

9812. Was that all you received?—Yes.

9813. Did you receive anything from Mr. Hayman?—No.
 9814. Did Mr. Cox tell you where the money came from?—No.
 9815. Do you know Mr. Hayman?—No.
 9816. Who is Mr. Cox?—He lives in Middle Street.
 9817. What is his Christian name?—Charles.
 9818. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you live at 13, Grove Terrace?—I did at one time, a twelvemonth back.
 9819. It is you who are described upon the register as of 13, Grove Terrace?—Yes.
 9820. There is no other Edward Houghan living at Grove Terrace now?—No.
 9821. Are you sure you got nothing from Mr. Hayman?—Who do you say?

9822. Mr. Hayman?—I misunderstood you. I thought you said Hayward. Yes, I did.
 9823. Besides what you got from Mr. Cox?—Yes.
 9824. What did you receive from Mr. Hayman?—3*l*.
 9825. That was to vote for the Conservatives?—It was really.
 9826. Besides that 4*l*. from Mr. Cox, and 3*l*. from Mr. Hayman, did you receive anything else?—No.
 9827. Are you quite sure?—Yes; that is all I received.
 9828. Is there another man of your name living in the Strand at Walmer?—Yes.
 9829. That is not you?—No.

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FREDERICK KORF sworn and examined.

9830. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—I call myself a gentleman.
 9831. Where do you live?—95, Beach Street.
 9832. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 9833. From whom?—Mr. Hayman.

9834. That was to vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.
 9835. How much did you receive?—3*l*.
 9836. Did you vote?—Yes.
 9837. Did you receive any other money?—No.

F. Korf.

EDWIN HOUGHAM sworn and examined.

9838. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A gasfitter.
 9839. Where do you live? In the Strand, Walmer?—Yes.
 9840. What money did you receive?—6*l*. I received 3*l*. at the election time and 3*l*. afterwards.
 9841. Who was that from?—Thomas Philips first.
 9842. When did you receive that—before the election?—Yes, before the election.
 9843. What was that for—your vote?—I am sure I do not know; he gave me the 3*l*. and I did not know what it was for.
 9844. Was it for anything else?—There was helping to put up poles, and that like.
 9845. It was for your vote, was it not?—You may as well have it at that.
 9846. Who were you to vote for?—He never asked me the question.
 9847. What is Philips?—A publican.
 9848. Is he a Conservative or Liberal?—I do not know.
 9849. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Is he a Blue or Yellow?—I do not know a bit.
 9850. (*Mr. Holl.*) You knew surely upon which side he was?—No, I did not.
 9851. Do consider; you do not have 3*l*. given to you in that kind of way without you knowing whether the man who gives it to you is a Conservative or Liberal?—He gave me 3*l*.
 9852. A man does not give it to you without letting you know upon which side he wants you to vote; which side was he going to vote, or on which side did he wish you to vote, because you must know?—I do not know.
 9853. You can hardly expect us to believe that?—I do not know.
 9854. Just think for a moment; you say there was no other reason for giving you the 3*l*.?—He never asked me a question at all.
 9855. Do you mean to say he did not tell you or let you know upon which side he wanted you to vote?—All

he asked me was whether I had got a vote, and I said "Yes," and he said "Here is 3*l*."
 9856. He wanted your vote?—Yes.
 9857. He must have let you know upon which side he wanted you to vote?—No, he never mentioned it.
 9858. You knew which side he was on?—Of course, we could see the Conservative flags flying outside the window.
 9859. That is getting a little nearer to it; you knew he was a Conservative?—Very good, you may take it at that.
 9860. Did he give you 3*l*. for your vote?—Yes.
 9861. With regard to the second 3*l*., who gave you that?—David Axon; that was a fortnight after.
 9862. After the election?—Yes, after the election altogether.
 9863. I suppose he had asked you to vote?—No, not David Axon.
 9864. Somebody on the Liberal side had asked you for a vote?—Mr. Axon is a Liberal.
 9865. If he had not asked you, somebody else upon the Liberal side had asked you, because they would not come and give you 3*l*. after the election without something had taken place before that would lead them to think you had voted for them?—It was about 12 days after the election he gave me 3*l*.
 9866. Something must have occurred before the election that led them to think that you were going to vote for them?—I put a few flags out of the windows, that is all.
 9867. Were yours Liberal flags?—Yes.
 9868. Axon told you it was for your vote, did he not?—No, Axon never mentioned the vote.
 9869. Which side did you vote?—Which side did I vote?
 9870. You did vote?—Yes.
 9871. (*Mr. Turner.*) Who for?—Is that a question I am bound to answer?
 9872. Yes?—Sir Julian Goldsmid, I believe so.
 9873. Have you received any more money from anybody?—No.

E. Hougham.

JAMES BEAL sworn and examined.

9874. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A butcher.
 9875. Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.
 9876. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 9877. Was that from Mr. Bushell?—Yes.

9878. What for?—To vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 9879. Did you vote?—Yes.
 9880. Did you receive any more money from anyone?—No.

J. Beal.

JOHN WYBORN sworn and examined.

9881. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A postman.
 9882. Where do you live?—In Broad Street, Deal.
 9883. What money did you receive?—I received 3*l*.
 9884. From Mr. Hayman?—Yes.
 9885. That was to vote for the Conservatives?—I consider it was for serving their purpose; I had done all I could for them.
 9886. You voted for them?—Yes, afterwards I did.
 9887. Did you receive any more money?—No.

9888. Did you get that before you voted?—No.
 9889. When was it?—In the course of the afternoon of the same day.
 9890. It was the day of the election?—Yes.
 9891. He had asked you before to vote for their side?—A week before he asked me if I would support them, and I told him I had long made up my mind, and he said he would make it all right.
 9892. He said he would do what he could for you?—Yes.

J. Wyborn.

G. Wraight.

GEORGE WRAIGHT sworn and examined.

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9893. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Inspector of the Deal station.

9894. Where do you live?—No. 1, Denmark Place.

9895. What money did you receive?—3*l*.

9896. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Watts, of the "Railway Inn."

9897. To vote for whom?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.

9898. I suppose you voted?—Yes.

9899. Have you received anything else?—No.

W. P. Magee.

WILLIAM PORDIGE MAGEE sworn and examined.

9900. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—75, High Street.

9901. What are you?—A boatman.

9902. What money did you receive?—3*l*.

9903. From whom did you receive it?—Wilds, of the "North Star."

9904. To vote for whom?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.

9905. Did you vote?—Yes.

9906. Did you receive any other money?—No.

9907. Nothing more at all?—No, nothing.

[Adjourned to to-morrow at ten o'clock.]

NINTH DAY.

14th October 1880.

J. M. Brown.

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JOHN MARSH BROWN recalled and further examined.

9908. (*Mr. Holl.*) I understand that you have some further explanation that you wish to make with regard to this item of 14*l*. which was alleged to have been charged by you for making out the canvass books?—Yes, after I left the Court on the former occasion I carried out my instructions to the letter, and wrote a letter to my son; but in consequence of postal arrangements I have not had an opportunity of getting a reply, but I expect to have it mid-day to-day. I also called on Mr. Edwards, and he stated that that bill for 14*l*. included office charges; that four or five clerks had been employed before I took the books in hand—in fact, that it was an amalgamated account.

9909. I think you had a letter from Mr. Edwards upon the subject?—Yes, confirming that statement.

9910. Is that the letter (*handing same*)?—Yes, this is the letter.

9911. It is dated, "Deal, 12th October, 1880.—Dear sir,—I am sorry to hear there is such a muddle about the canvass books and strike sheets; for the strike sheets 10*l*. was the amount always paid. The bill of your son's

was only 4*l*. for all the books, including books of voters to mark promises, and to strike off voters on the day of election; when I had the charge of 4*l*. I said it was most ridiculous, and considering that I had five clerks employed in the matter, some of whom were up the whole night, or nearly so, dissecting, arranging, and placing names in lists for the books, and knowing that your son had been the writer, and you his helper for information, and as there was great expedition required to get out the canvass books, I increased the charge to 14*l*. You are certainly not the person to be charged therewith, and I expect, if the truth be told, if only the 4*l*. had been paid, you would not have received to yourself one farthing, but your son. I know at election times you often render valuable service without compensation"?—My son would have had the money if I had received it, but it was not paid at all. He said before he left home, "Father, there will be 4*l*. to come for me when you get it." I may say that Mr. Cottew gave me the order to make the books, and I at first objected on the ground of my time being taken up, but I said my son would do it.

J. B. Edwards

JAMES BARBER EDWARDS recalled and further examined.

9912. (*Mr. Holl.*) I do not know, Mr. Edwards, whether you would wish to make any explanation as regards this matter?—No, that is the fact.

9913. You will see that I drew your attention to the fact of this large item of 14*l*.?—You did do so, and made a remark about the expenditure, and then went on to another subject, and I really did not go into the matter.

9914. After drawing your attention to this item, and suggesting that it was rather a large amount, I asked you how long you thought Mr. Brown would be engaged upon it, and you said you thought two or three days; your exact answer was, "I should think some days." Then I ask you, "Two or three days," and you say, "Quite; it is not an easy matter to dissect a register so as to have the names all in order for the purpose of canvassing, and to prepare large sheets likewise for the voting." Then I ask you again, "Does not it strike you as being a large item, 14*l*. for two or three days work, to a gentleman in that position?" and your answer is, "I do not know, and I think that is the amount that has been paid before"?—I think there was a confusion about the 10*l*. and the 14*l*.

9915. No, pardon me, the 10*l*. at that time had not been mentioned at all; nothing at all had been mentioned, except the item of 14*l*. and the 10*l*. was never mentioned till subsequently. I have the shorthand writer's notes before me?—In starting, something was said about its including the strike lists, and you said there was a separate charge for it.

9916. I beg your pardon, that is afterwards. I have the shorthand writer's notes before me, and I will read

the whole of it to you. (Q.) "There is an item here of " 14*l*. to Brown for preparing canvassing and promise " books; was that for printing them?—(A.) It was dissecting the register and putting the names into canvass " books, and preparing sheets for the committee rooms, " instructions, I think, they call them. (Q.) What is " Mr. Brown?—(A.) He is a rate collector here. (Q.) " How long would that take him to do, a day or so?— " (A.) I should think some days. (Q.) Two or three " days?—(A.) Quite. It is not any easy matter to dissect a register, so as to have the names all in order " for the purposes of canvassing, and to prepare large " sheets likewise for the voting. (Q.) Does not it strike " you as being a large item, 14*l*. for two or three days " work to a gentleman in that position?—(A.) I do not " know, and I think that is the amount that has been " paid before. (Q.) About how many books were there " prepared?—(A.) 8 or 10, I think. (Q.) For Deal?— " (A.) Yes. (Q.) Have you got one of them at all?— " (A.) I do not think I have any. (Q.) Mr. Brown is a " voter, I presume?—(A.) They went into different " hands of the committee for the purpose of canvassing. " (Q.) Mr. Brown was a voter, I presume?—(A.) His " son did all this work for him, who is with him, and " who is not a voter. (Q.) (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is meant " by 'preparing,' he did not write anything in the " books?—(A.) Yes, he wrote all the names of the " voters, and had them all arranged, which is not the " case in the register; they are all higgledy-piggledy " in the register, and they were obliged to be brought " into different streets, and it was only by the assistance " of Mr. Brown that it could be well done, because,

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"being a rate collector, he knows where everybody lives. (Q.) In fact, it was arranging and copying out 2,000 names?—(A.) No, it would not be 2,000 names, because it was only for Deal. (Q.) Then it would only be about 1,200 names?—(A.) Yes, but in addition to that, there are the strike sheets. (Q.) What are the strike sheets?—(A.) Sheets with the names of all the voters, which are stuck up in the committee room upon the day of the election, so as to enable you to strike out the names of those who had voted. (Q.) That would be, in point of fact, a copy of the register. A mere copy of the register?—(A.) Yes. (Q.) Who did the strike lists?—(A.) They were done by a Mr. Goymer, I think. The strike lists were never mentioned till then, and you yourself point out that that was done by Mr. Goymer, and you say 10*l.* was charged for that, so that the whole of the statement was in reference to the 14*l.* alone. Did not you remember at the time you made this statement, and suggested that this was what Mr. Brown had had before, that his bill was only for 4*l.*?—I could not have suggested that it was what Mr. Brown had before.

9917. But I have got the shorthand writer's notes before me, and you are asked, "Does it not strike you as being a large item, 14*l.* for two or three days work to a gentleman in that position," and your answer was, "I do not know, and I think that is the amount that has been paid before"?—If I did so, it was a mistake entirely.

9918. Did you remember at that time that you had altered this charge from 4*l.* into 14*l.* by putting a one before it in his own bill?—At that time I do not know that I had it in my mind.

9919. Surely you could not do such a thing as that without remembering it?—I did increase the charge; I say so.

9920. I know you did, but you did not inform us of it, and at a time when we were questioning especially as to this item, and suggesting how excessive it was, you entirely concealed from us the fact that you had altered the bill from 4*l.* to 14*l.*?—As compared with the strike list it was a ridiculous charge.

9921. Did you ever tell Mr. Brown that you had altered his bill from 4*l.* to 14*l.*?—My clerks were informed of it, and I have no doubt Mr. Brown would be informed.

9922. But Mr. Brown appears to have been entirely ignorant of it?—If he was not informed, his son was; I cannot say which.

9923. What is the name of the clerk who informed the son or the father?—I should think it would be Mr. Hammond.

9924. Are you sure?—No, I could not be sure; there were five of them, and I think it would be Hammond.

9925. We have Mr. Brown's evidence that his son told him, just before he went away, that he was to have 4*l.*, and that leads my mind to the conclusion that his son knew nothing about it, because he comes here indignantly to repudiate the fact that he had charged this excessive sum of 14*l.*?—That is my explanation, and I can say no more.

9926. I cannot say that it appears to my mind, and I am sorry to say so, a very satisfactory explanation. Was this (*handing a paper*) the bill that you altered?—Yes, I increased it to 14*l.*

9927. Look carefully and see whether that is the bill that you altered?—Yes, I suppose that was the bill.

9928. If you had told Mr. Brown that you were going to add something to his bill, it would have been another matter?—This is not Mr. Brown's bill, it is his son's.

9929. It is the bill that was sent in to you?—I think the son must have been informed of it; I told my clerks, and they were fully aware of it.

9930. We shall have the son's letter in the course of the day; but it does not seem to me probable that he knew it, from what we have heard. It is a strange thing

to alter a man's bill without his consent or knowledge?—He must have been informed of it.

9931. I say, as far as Mr. Brown is concerned, it is perfectly obvious that he was not informed of it?—It is not Mr. Brown's bill.

9932. It is as much his bill as if he had written it with his own hands. It is entered in the claims against the candidate in the altered form?—It is the son's bill.

9933. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When did you make this alteration?—Before the accounts were taken to Mr. Lewis; I took all the accounts up to Mr. Lewis.

9934. I suppose so, but that does not tell me much; can you give the date at all nearer than that?—I think I went to London the early part of June.

9935. It was in the month of June, was it, that you altered this?—Yes.

9936. You went away for a fortnight directly after the election?—A few days after.

9937. Were you back in June?—Yes.

9938. And you altered this then?—Yes.

9939. When did you give this paper to Mr. Lewis?—I merely took the accounts to Mr. Lewis.

9940. When?—The commencement of June, and this was one of the accounts.

9941. I understand that your own representation is that Mr. Brown was willing to take 4*l.* for this work?—That was the account that came in, 4*l.*

9942. And you increased that amount to 14*l.*, although Mr. Brown only wished to have 4*l.*?—Yes, because it included other work that would have to be paid for.

9943. Let me clearly understand how that is, and what you mean to represent now; do you mean that this was altered because it was to include more work than Mr. Brown was charging for?—Yes, certainly.

9944. Why was it you did not make a separate charge; why did you alter the bill that professes to be one thing in order to include something that ought to have been in another bill?—Because that bill covered what was done.

9945. Stop a minute; here is "Sir Julian Goldsmid's committee, debtor to Mr. P. Brown;" did you mean that the 10*l.* should go to Mr. Brown, or that it should not?—That it should not go to Mr. Brown.

9946. Then the bill as altered was misleading upon the face of it; it was not 14*l.* that Sir Julian Goldsmid owed to Mr. Brown, but 4*l.* he owed to Mr. Brown, and 10*l.* to somebody else?—Yes.

9947. Do you mean to represent that you deliberately sent this bill in containing upon the face of it a misleading statement?—I do not take it in that way; that bill covered the charges that would be made for my clerks, and for work done in that way.

9948. That is what I am asking you; this 14*l.* upon the face of this bill is represented as being due to Walter Brown, and upon your showing now, it was not intended to be paid to William Brown, but 4*l.* only was intended to be paid to him, and 10*l.* to somebody else?—Certainly.

9949. Then it is the case that you sent in a bill for 14*l.* due to Walter Brown whereas 10*l.* of it you never intended should go to Mr. Brown at all?—Certainly.

9950. (*Mr. Holl.*) That suggests to me one other question, which is this; how do you reconcile what you are saying now with your suggestion that you informed Brown that you had altered his account; why should you inform him of it if you did not intend him to have any more than the 4*l.*?—Because I would naturally suppose if 14*l.* was returned as his bill he would say, "What is the meaning of this?"

9951. I do not see what earthly reason you had for informing him of it, if you did not intend him to have anything beyond the 4*l.*?—I really cannot explain it any further; it included other business besides what was charged for by Mr. Brown.

SARAH BROWN sworn and examined.

S. Brown.

9952. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Alfred Square.

9953. Are you sister to a person of the name of Joe Brown?—Yes.

9954. Do you know where he is now?—I do not.

9955. When did you last see him?—Sunday night.

9956. Have you not seen him since at all?—No.

9957. Have you heard from him?—No.

9958. Have you heard of him from any one?—No.

9959. Do you know where he is now?—No.

9960. Have you no idea?—No idea whatever.

9961. When did you last see his wife?—Monday morning.

9962. Is she gone away too?—She went to Maidstone.

9963. Where to in Maidstone?—I do not know.

9964. Do you not know her address there?—No.

9965. You could write to her if you wanted, could you

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not?—If I wrote to her, I should write to Mrs. Clarke, Maidstone; she has been often staying there before.

9966. What is Mrs. Clarke?—I do not know what she is.

9967. Do you know where she lives?—Yes, Kingsley Road, Maidstone.

9968. Have you heard from Mrs. Brown since she went?—No, nothing.

9969. Do I understand that you do not know where she is, unless she is with Mrs. Clarke?—I do not.

9970. As far as you know, you think she probably is there?—Yes.

9971. Do you know whether they have been selling their things at all here?—Selling what things?

9972. Any goods or property that they have here?—No.

9973. They have not sold anything?—No.

9974. Have they offered anything for sale?—No.

9975. Where do they live?—Sandown Farm.

9976. All their goods are there now?—Yes.

9977. Have they any children?—Yes.

9978. Are they there?—No, they went with the mother.

9979. Are there any servants left at Sandown Farm?—They had not any servants.

9980. Is it all shut up there?—No, I am there.

9981. (*Mr. Turner.*) Do you not know how to write to them, if you want to do so?—No, nothing more than I have said.

9982. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Were you living with Mr. and Mrs. Brown last week?—We have been there about a month.

9983. Who besides yourself?—My mother and myself.

9984. Were you there on Sunday?—Yes.

9985. And on Sunday evening you say Mr. Brown went away?—No, I did not say so, I said I had not seen him since Sunday night.

9986. I suppose he was there on Sunday?—Yes, he was there on Sunday night.

9987. And was he there on Monday?—No.

9988. Then he went away on Sunday, I suppose?—I do not know; I did not see him after Sunday night.

9989. Did he tell you he was going?—No.

9990. At what time did you see him on Sunday?—About a quarter to nine.

9991. Upon Sunday morning?—Upon Sunday night.

9992. Do you mean positively to say that he never told you where he was going?—No, he did not; he is often away on business.

9993. I suppose he generally says when he goes away on business, that he is going; is he in the habit of disappearing mysteriously?—He is in the habit of going away, and not saying where he is going.

9994. Were you surprised when Monday morning came to find no Mr. Brown was there?—I was not very much surprised, because he had often gone away before.

9995. Did you talk to his wife about it?—No.

9996. You saw his wife on Monday morning?—Yes, she went away by the $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 train.

9997. Did you see her before she went?—Yes.

9998. Did she say anything about Mr. Brown having gone away?—No.

9999. She expressed no surprise whatever?—No.

10,000. And then she went away?—Yes.

10,001. Were you surprised at it?—No; she had been going some time to Maidstone.

10,002. To Mrs. Clarke's?—Yes, she stays there sometimes; and she was going to the Eye Infirmary at Maidstone.

10,003. Has Mrs. Brown got anything the matter with her eyes?—No, one of the children; they have been there before.

10,004. Did she tell you she was going to the Maidstone Eye Infirmary for the sake of the eyes of one of the children?—Yes.

10,005. (*Mr. Holl.*) You know that Mr. Brown has been summoned on Saturday?—Yes; I took in the paper.

10,006. Did you give it to him?—Yes, I did.

10,007. What did he say when you gave it to him?—At least I gave it to his wife and she gave it to him.

10,008. What did he say about it?—I do not know.

10,009. Did you not have some talk with him or his wife about the fact of his having been summoned—surely you did?—No.

10,010. Do you mean to say nothing was said about his having been summoned to come before the Commission to give evidence?—No.

10,011. You gave it to his wife on the Saturday?—Yes, Saturday evening.

10,012. And you saw him on Sunday; do you mean that the subject of your having taken this paper in and given it to his wife was not mentioned?—No.

10,013. It was not an ordinary thing for him to be summoned anywhere, I daresay, was it?—It was an unusual thing.

10,014. Did it not excite a little interest in your mind sufficient to induce you to speak to him on the subject, and ask him what it meant, his being summoned?—No, I gave the paper to Mrs. Brown.

10,015. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You do not mean to say that he had this summons, which was an unusual thing, and that nothing was said about it in the family; there must have been something said?—No, nothing was said, not by me.

10,016. By him?—No, not by him.

10,017. By his wife?—No.

10,018. Did she not make any mention to you of the fact of her husband having been summoned to come here?—No.

10,019. Do you think it seems very likely that such a thing could have occurred in a family (you are the sister you see) as that he should be summoned here to come and give evidence, and nothing be said about it; now do you not know very well that he went away in order to avoid coming?—No, I do not.

10,020. Was there any conversation in the house that you heard upon the subject of his being summoned?—No.

10,021. No one said anything in your hearing?—No.

10,022. (*Mr. Turner.*) When do you expect Mrs. Brown back from Maidstone?—She went for a month.

10,023. Are you going to stay there with your mother until she comes back?—Yes.

10,024. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Now do you really mean to tell us that you do not know why Mr. Brown went away, and that you have never heard?—No.

10,025. This is a serious thing, you know—you are upon your oath?—I am quite aware of it.

10,026. And if it turns out afterwards that you did know anything about this you will find yourself in a considerable difficulty?—I do not know anything more than what I have stated.

10,027. I will give you a last chance, and if you do not choose to avail yourself of it the consequences will rest on you; do you really mean to say you do not know Mr. Brown went away upon Sunday night?—I do not know.

10,028. And you never heard?—No.

10,029. Do you mean also to tell us, that upon Monday morning you did not have any conversation with his wife as to why he had gone, or anything about him?—No.

10,030. You did not?—No.

10,031. Do you mean to swear that?—Yes. He has often gone away for two or three days, and perhaps longer.

10,032. (*Mr. Holl.*) That may be, but here, you see, you have taken in the summons and given it to his wife, which was not an usual thing—are you quite sure that you did not yourself have any conversation with him or his wife about this summons having been served upon him, and about his going away, and where he was going to?—No.

10,033. (*Mr. Turner.*) Have you no notion where he is?—No, I have not.

10,034. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Are we to clearly understand that you do not know where he is?—No, I do not.

10,035. Or where he went to?—No.

10,036. And you do not know where his wife is, further than you have told us, that she said she was going to Maidstone?—I do not know anything further than that.

ROBERT BULLEN sworn and examined.

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- 10,037. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fisherman.
 10,038. Where do you live?—I live in the New Cut, Lower Walmer.
 10,039. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes.
 10,040. What was it?—I received 3*l.* off Henry Pearson.
 10,041. What for?—For putting up flags.
 10,042. And detention of time?—Yes.
 10,043. For voting?—I daresay there was a little in that.
 10,044. Who did you vote for—who were you to vote for?—Now I thought it was all secret voting.
 10,045. Who were you to vote for?—I voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 10,046. Did he ever ask you to vote for him?—I never saw him.
 10,047. I do not mean Sir Julian Goldsmid himself, but Mr. Henry Pearson?—No, no one. I have always been that way. I have voted at four elections, and have always been upon the Liberal side.
 10,048. When was the 3*l.* paid to you?—About three days after the election.
 10,049. By Mr. Pearson?—Yes, by Mr. Henry Pearson.
 10,050. You say you think it had something to do with your vote?—Well, most likely.
 10,051. (*Mr. Holl.*) Pearson had spoken to you?—No.
 10,052. Not at all?—No further than saying, “Well you will not alter.”
 10,053. He told you if you did not alter, it would be all right?—He never said no such thing to me.
 10,054. He said he would do something for you?—No, he did not.
 10,055. (*Mr. Jeune.*) He said, “You will not alter”?—There was a brother-in-law of mine just passing, and he said, “We shall get along presently.”
 10,056. When you got the 3*l.* you knew it was partly because you had voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes, partly.
 10,057. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you have anything else besides the 3*l.*?—No, that is all the money I received.

EDWARD BULLEN sworn and examined.

E. Bullen.

- 10,058. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a fisherman.
 10,059. Where do you live?—No. 3, York Street.
 10,060. What money did you receive?—I received 3*l.*
 10,061. From Mr. Henry Pearson?—Yes.
 10,062. What was that for?—I cannot tell you.
 10,063. Do you not think that it had something to do with your vote?—It may be a little.
 10,064. Did you receive anything else?—No, not a farthing.

FREDERICK SPONDER sworn and examined.

F. Sponder.

- 10,065. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fisherman.
 10,066. Where do you live?—Campbell Terrace.
 10,067. What money did you receive?—3*l.* off Mr. Thomas Philips.
 10,068. What was that for?—Well, for my vote, I suppose.
 10,069. To vote for whom?—For Mr. Roberts.
 10,070. Did you vote for him?—Yes.
 10,071. Did you receive anything else?—No.

RICHARD WILSON sworn and examined.

R. Wilson.

- 10,072. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 10,073. Where do you live?—Grove Terrace.
 10,074. What money did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Hayman.
 10,075. Who was that to vote for?—Mr. Roberts.
 10,076. Did you do so?—Yes.
 10,077. Did you receive anything else?—I had a present made to me of a sovereign, a month after the election.
 10,078. By whom?—Mr. Gibbons.
 10,079. What was that for?—He did not say.
 10,080. What do you think it was for?—I suppose it was electioneering purposes; there was no remark made.
 10,081. You had nothing else to do with the election?—No.
 10,082. The 3*l.* and the 1*l.* is all you received?—Yes, that is all.

CHARLES CLARINGBOLD sworn and examined.

C. Claringbold.

- 10,083. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fisherman.
 10,084. Where do you live?—York Street.
 10,085. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 10,086. From whom?—Mr. Pearson.
 10,087. Was that to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—I kept my boat ashore, and did not go out mackerel fishing, and was knocking about to vote.
 10,088. Do you not think it had anything to do with your vote?—I cannot say; it might be that.
 10,089. You voted that way?—Yes, I always did.
 10,090. You think it was for stopping to vote?—Yes.
 10,091. Did you have anything else?—No, nothing else whatever.
 10,092. Who were you to vote for?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.

JOHN BARWICK sworn and examined.

J. Barwick.

- 10,093. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do live?—Upper Deal.
 10,094. What are you?—A labourer.
 10,095. Who did you receive the money from?—Benjamin Wood.
 10,096. How much?—3*l.*
 10,097. What was that for?—I do not know without it was for my vote. I judged so.
 10,098. There was nothing else it could be for?—I do not know; there would be coming down, here amongst other things, may be.
 10,099. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 10,100. Did you have anything else from anybody?—No.

DANIEL SHELVEY sworn and examined.

D. Shelvey.

- 10,101. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where you live?—11, Blenheim Road.
 10,102. What are you?—A brickmaker.
 10,103. What did you receive?—3*l.* for my vote.
 10,104. From whom?—Mr. Bales.
 10,105. Had you any other money?—Yes, 5*l.* I had for my room.
 10,106. Are you a publican?—Yes.
 10,107. Your house was not used, was it?—Yes.
 10,108. Often?—Yes.
 10,109. You mean placards outside; bills stuck up; that is the way in which it was used, was it not?—Yes.
 10,110. Did you receive anything else?—Yes. I had a sovereign for putting up a pole.
 10,111. Anything else?—No.

G. Lock.

GEORGE LOCK sworn and examined.

- 14 Oct. 1880. 10,112. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a retired tradesman.
- 10,113. You live at Sandwich?—Yes.
- 10,114. Where?—Harriet Street.
- 10,115. Did you receive any money from anybody at this election?—Yes.
- 10,116. How much?—180*l.*
- 10,117. Who from?—Mr. Giles.
- 10,118. What was that for?—To use for the election.
- 10,119. To pay the voters?—Yes.
- 10,120. Have you got a list of the voters you paid it to?—Yes (*handing a paper*).
- 10,121. How many are there?—Sixty-one there ; but the one at the bottom I would not swear to, and the other one I cannot recollect ; there are 60 that I can recollect, because I booked them.
- 10,122. And there are two that you are not sure of?—Yes.
- 10,123. You paid 3*l.* apiece to each of these 60?—Yes.
- 10,124. And that exhausted the 180*l.*?—Yes ; that brings it to 186*l.*, with the two I cannot recollect.
- 10,125. Where did you get the odd 6*l.*?—I had 10*l.* from Mr. Hughes, and I had 4*l.* in hand.
- 10,126. You had 10*l.* from Mr. Hughes besides the 180*l.*?—Yes.
- 10,127. What did he give you that 10*l.* for?—Because some more men wanted money, and I thought they ought all to be served alike.
- 10,128. You had 4*l.* in hand?—Yes.
- 10,129. Which Mr. Hughes is that?—Mr. Hughes of Sandwich, the grocer.
- 10,130. For whom were all these 62 to vote?—For Mr. Roberts. I canvassed for Mr. Roberts.
- 10,131. Had you any other money?—Yes.
- 10,132. How much?—6*l.*
- 10,133. What for?—For my expenses.
- 10,134. Your own expenses for canvassing?—Yes.
- 10,135. From whom did you get that?—From Mr. Olds.

- 10,136. Had you anything else?—No.
- 10,137. 180*l.*, 10*l.*, and 6*l.* ; is that all you received?—Yes.
- 10,138. And you have 4*l.* in hand?—Yes.
- 10,139. Which is the man you are doubtful about in this list?—At the bottom of my signature you will find the name.
- 10,140. Is it Mr. Harrison?—Yes, that is the one I am not positive about, and the other I cannot recollect at all.
- 10,141. What is George Epps' address at Ramsgate?—I do not know his address. I went to Ramsgate twice, but I did not see him ; he came to me.
- 10,142. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where is Mr. Epps' house here?—He has no house here ; he lives at Ramsgate.
- 10,143. Is that within the seven miles from Sandwich?—Yes.
- 10,144. You do not know his address in Ramsgate?—No.
- 10,145. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is Sweetman's Christian name?—He lives in Foster Street, Sandwich, but I do not know his Christian name.
- 10,146. Do you know Burley's address?—Paradise Lane.
- 10,147. Is that George Burley or Valentine Burley?—Valentine Burley, Paradise Lane.
- 10,148. Charles Fagg ; do you know his address?—Delph Street, Sandwich.
- 10,149. Are there two Burleys in Sandwich?—No, I do not think there are two of the name in Sandwich.
- 10,150. Are you sure his name is Valentine?—That is the name he gave me.
- 10,151. You had nothing else than the 180*l.*, the 10*l.*, and the 6*l.*?—That is all.
- 10,152. Can you give me H. Harrison's address?—That I do not know.
- 10,153. Does he live in Sandwich?—Yes ; but I would not be positive that he is one of the two men that I cannot recollect, but to the best of my recollection I believe he was one.

W. Lock.

WILLIAM LOCK sworn and examined.

- 10,154. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A rag merchant.
- 10,155. Where do you live?—Hornet Street, Sandwich.
- 10,156. Are you any relation of the last witness?—Son.
- 10,157. What did you receive?—3*l.*
- 10,158. What was that paid for?—For my vote, I suppose.
- 10,159. Did you receive it from him?—Yes.

- 10,160. That was to vote for Mr. Roberts, I suppose?—Yes.
- 10,161. And you voted?—I did not vote for Mr. Roberts.
- 10,162. For whom did you vote?—Sir Julian Goldamid.
- 10,163. You received 3*l.* from your father to vote for Mr. Roberts, and you voted for Sir Julian Goldamid?—Yes.
- 10,164. Had you anything from that side?—No.
- 10,165. That is all you had?—Yes.

H. East.

HENRY EAST sworn and examined.

- 10,166. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.
- 10,167. What is your house?—The "Sandwich Arms."
- 10,168. What did you receive?—60*l.*
- 10,169. From whom?—From Mr. Hughes, the grocer, at Sandwich.
- 10,170. What did you do with it?—Paid it away.
- 10,171. Have you a list of those that you paid?—Yes (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).
- 10,172. 20 voters, 3*l.* each?—Yes. The three from Ramsgate came to me ; I do not know their addresses, but all the others I know. If you wish for the addresses of those from Ramsgate I will get them for you. I can write to William Mantell, lawyer, Ramsgate ; that will find him ; he used to work with me at one time. I can write to William Mantell, and ask him to see the other two.

- 10,173. You received 6*l.* ; did you receive anything else?—No. I was employed by Mr. Olds to assist in the return of Mr. Crompton Roberts, and I agreed to do it.
- 10,174. Did you receive anything for yourself?—He gave me 6*l.* first start.
- 10,175. Besides the 60*l.*?—Yes, for private use.
- 10,176. Besides the 60*l.*?—Yes ; I had that from Mr. Hughes, not from Mr. Olds.
- 10,177. That was all that you had?—That was all that I had. All these men can be called at any time to prove that they had it, and in fact they each of them signed a ticket.
- 10,178. Have you got those tickets?—No, they were handed in to Mr. Hughes. He had the tickets and the lists too.

G. Hooper,

GEORGE HOOPER sworn and examined.

- 10,179. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A corn and hay merchant at Sandwich.
- 10,180. What is your address?—Moat Sole.
- 10,181. What money did you receive?—66*l.*
- 10,182. From whom?—Mr. Hughes.
- 10,183. What for?—To use amongst the voters, and

- here is the list of names that I distributed it amongst (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).
- 10,184. That was to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.
- 10,185. Did you receive anything else?—I received 6*l.* else.

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10,186. Was that for canvassing?—Yes.

10,187. These men, a list of which you have handed in, took the money to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.

10,188. Had you anything besides the 6*l.* and 66*l.*?—Yes, I had a cheque for 12*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, for which I have receipts here (*handing a bundle of papers to the Commissioners*).

10,189. How was it spent?—In refreshments had at different houses.

10,190. I see, “Mr. Hooper to S. Oakley, election “refreshments.” Who is Mr. Oakley?—He keeps the “King’s Head.”

10,191. It is for refreshments to voters?—Yes, for the voters; the men at the tan yard.

10,192. When did they have the refreshments?—About the time of the election.

10,193. Before the polling, or afterwards?—That I could not say.

10,194. Had you any orders to have these refreshments supplied?—No, I had no orders.

10,195. Why did he come to you?—I handed the bills in to Mr. Hughes, and he wrote a cheque out.

10,196. Then Watts, 3*l.* 9*s.*, what is that?—That is for some gentlemen from Deal, and also Mr. Roberts’ brother had some champagne and cigars, and Mr. Hughes, the agent, was one.

10,197. Was there a room at this house?—It was a wine and spirit store.

10,198. Do you know yourself anything about this bill?—No, I was not present at the time.

10,199. Why was it sent in to you?—Mr. Watts asked me to get the amount.

10,200. And you took the bill to Mr. Hughes?—Yes, and he gave me a cheque for 12*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* :

10,201. Then, with regard to the others, they brought the bills to you, and you took them to Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

10,202. Are all these bills in regard to public-houses?—No; one is for a fly, 1*l.* 15*s.*

10,203. What is Mr. East?—He is the gentleman who has just been called, and keeps the “Sandwich” Arms.

10,204. Do you know whether these refreshments were supplied to voters?—I do not know myself, but I should say they were supplied to voters.

10,205. You paid away that cheque in that way?—Yes.

10,206. Had you anything else besides?—No, nothing else.

10,207. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you order these refreshments to be supplied by either of these different houses; did you give instructions to the landlords of either of these houses to supply refreshment to voters?—I did to Mr. Yarrow, and partly to Mr. East.

10,208. You did tell him he might supply refreshments to voters to a reasonable amount?—Yes.

10,209. And these are the bills for those refreshments?—Yes.

10,210. (*Mr. Jeune.*) They were to supply it to the voters generally?—The working men principally.

10,211. Friends of the Conservative cause?—Yes.

10,212. They were to supply refreshments to any Conservatives they thought right?—They are mostly freemen, I think.

WILLIAM JOHN HUGHES sworn and examined.

W. J. Hughes.

10,213. (*Mr. Turner.*) You are a grocer at Sandwich?—Yes.

10,214. Where do you live?—High Street, Sandwich.

10,215. You appear to have taken a very active part in the Sandwich part of this election?—Yes, I worked very hard indeed.

10,216. Who did you first communicate with about it; who put you in motion first, Mr. Olds?—We were in motion before, but he was the first man I had anything to say to about money.

10,217. What did he give you?—I had altogether 480*l.*, I believe. I am only speaking from memory, as I supplied him with all the accounts. That was the first amount, and then I had 38*l.* That 38*l.* did not all come in one amount, because I first had 6*l.*, afterwards 10*l.*, then another instalment of 12*l.*, and a fourth instalment of 10*l.*

10,218. Was the 480*l.* in one sum?—Yes, I believe it was, if that is the exact amount.

10,219. What did you do with that?—I distributed it amongst different people.

10,220. Have you a list of how you distributed it?—Yes (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

10,221. Did you yourself give the 3*l.* to these 48 voters?—No, I did not.

10,222. How was it done?—Mr. Back, Mr. Wybourne, Mr. James Brett, and Mr. Langley assisted me in distributing the amount, but I cannot give the exact amount each person had. I had receipts from each voter rendered to me, and this is a list of the people who received 3*l.* each. I had receipts from every one that was paid.

10,223. Did you give any of it yourself to any voters?—I did to a few, but I cannot tell the exact number.

10,224. Can you give us the addresses of these men that assisted you?—Back High Street, Sandwich; Wybourne, St. Peter’s Street, Sandwich; Brett, Strand Street, Sandwich. It is James Brett.

10,225. What is Wybourne’s Christian name?—Richard.

10,226. Then Langley, do you know where he lives?—No.

10,227. Do you know his Christian name?—No, but it is in St. Mary’s Parish, and he is a builder or bricklayer. I believe it is Vicarage Lane.

10,228. These four men distributed 144*l.*?—Yes.

10,229. Does this list that you have handed in include what you have distributed?—Yes.

10,230. Each of these 48 had 3*l.*?—Yes. I had receipts handed to me for every pound that was expended. I handed a balance sheet to Mr. Olds, and all the receipts immediately after the election. I have got

all those names by carefully going through the list of voters, otherwise I had no note at all.

10,231. They all voted for Mr. Roberts?—I believe so; I canvassed for Mr. Roberts.

10,232. It was paid to them for voting that way?—Yes, certainly.

10,233. Who is C. Baker, who had 6*l.*?—He is a stationer in Market Place.

10,234. What was that for?—He gave to two different people 3*l.* each.

10,235. Do you know their names?—Johnson was one.

10,236. Do you know his Christian name?—I cannot tell you positively who they were.

10,237. Do you know what Johnson is?—He is a wheelwright.

10,238. Do you know who the other one was?—I do not know, really. I gave the 6*l.* to Mr. Baker.

10,239. Who is Mr. Baker?—A stationer; he told me at the time who they were, and I had receipts for the amount.

10,240. Now with regard to the 38*l.*?—I have here (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*) a balance sheet which I made up at the time, a copy of which I happened to keep. I sent that to Mr. Olds with the other receipts immediately after the election.

10,241. What are these payments?—They were payments made to different people, and the money was, no doubt, expended in treating.

10,242. I see Brett, 11*l.*; was that given to him to treat with?—Yes.

10,243. Pantling, 7*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, it was all for treating. I had receipts for each of those sums.

10,244. Then, “Thatcher and others, for hoisting flags, 19*s.*”?—Yes, there were several people engaged in putting up flags, and they came to me.

10,245. Then “Lock, 4*l.*,” what is that?—Lock accounted to you just now that he had 190*l.*; there was 180*l.* that Mr. Giles took him, and he had 10*l.* from me. You will find that I give an account that he had 6*l.* in the 480*l.*, and that is the other 4*l.*

10,246. The larger items, Wybourne, Brett, Pantling, and Bushell, were for treating?—Yes, no doubt it was all expended in treating. They paid the accounts at the public-houses instead of having the bills sent in after the election, for the purpose of keeping the accounts down.

10,247. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is Wybourne’s house?—He is not a publican, he is a brewer.

10,248. What is his address?—St. Peter’s Street.

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10,249. And Brett?—Strand Street, Sandwich.
 10,250. What is he?—A bricklayer.
 10,251. What is Pantling?—He lives near the railway station, and he is an accountant.
 10,252. Bushell?—King Street, Sandwich.
 10,253. What is he?—He is a leather cutter.
 10,254. (Mr. Turner.) Was Lock's 4l. for treating?—I do not know.
 10,255. (Mr. Holl.) These men did not supply the liquor themselves, but they spent it in treating voters, and it was given to them for that purpose?—Yes.
 10,256. And as far as you know they spent it in that way?—No doubt about it.
 10,257. (Mr. Turner.) You had first of all the large sum of 480l., and then 38l.?—Yes.
 10,258. Anything else?—I brought the cheque to Mr. Hooper for 12l. or 13l. from Mr. Hughes, and which Mr. Hooper has explained to you.
 10,259. You had that cheque for 12l. odd from Mr. Hughes?—Yes, Mr. Hughes, the agent; that was sometime after the election.
 10,260. And you gave it to Mr. Hooper to pay the accounts that he produced?—Yes, he had those accounts sent in to him after the election. I happened to meet Mr. Hughes, and mentioned the subject to him, and he gave me the cheque.
 10,261. You know nothing about those accounts yourself?—No, I know nothing about them at all.
 10,262. You had nothing to do with flags or anything of that kind yourself?—In expending money, do you mean.
 10,263. Did you supply any goods yourself?—No, certainly not.
 10,264. Had you anything for canvassing?—No, certainly not.
 10,265. Had you nothing for yourself?—No, nothing at all, my services were quite gratuitous.
 10,266. (Mr. Jeune.) When did you first see Mr. Edwin Hughes about the matter?—I cannot fix the day.
 10,267. Did you see him early in the election?—Yes, I saw him, I dare say, the second day after he was down.
 10,268. Did he give you any directions, or anything of that kind?—In what way?
 10,269. As to the management of the election?—No.
 10,270. He knew, I suppose, that you were going to help in the election?—He only knew that I was on the committee.
 10,271. Did he tell you how you were to organise the canvassing, or anything of that kind?—No; I had nothing to do with him about the canvassing.
 10,272. Did you have any conversation with him about the management of the election?—I said to him that I thought it was a mistake his hiring so many public-houses.
 10,273. What did he say?—He said, "That is always my plan, directly I go into a place I hire all the houses I can get;" and I said, "Oh, well, if that is your plan I have nothing more to say."
 10,274. Did you have any communication with him about the receipt of money, and the expenditure of it?—No; Mr. Olds gave me the money.
 10,275. And Mr. Olds told you what to do with it?—Yes.
 10,276. You had no communication with Mr. Edwin Hughes about the 480l.?—I do not remember saying anything to him about it.
 10,277. Just think whether you had any communication with him, either before or after you received the 480l.?—I certainly never mentioned the amount of 480l. to him. I might have said something to him since the election about the payment of voters, but all money transactions I had were with Mr. Olds.
 10,278. Do you remember whether you had any conversation with Mr. Edwin Hughes, either before or after you received the 480l., about having received that amount?—Conversation with him about the 480l. do you mean?
 10,279. I do not say any particular sum, but about your receiving money for the purpose of paying voters?—I do not remember it.
 10,280. Just think; are you sure you do not?—I say I do not remember it.
 10,281. When you saw Mr. Hughes was there any conversation between you and him about the necessity of

paying voters. I suppose you talked over the management of the election at Sandwich?—No, I had very little conversation with Mr. Hughes at all.
 10,282. You talked to him about the public-houses?—Yes, I mentioned that to him at once.
 10,283. Did he not ask you what was the way to manage the election at Sandwich, and what sort of people they were?—No.
 10,284. Not a word about that?—No, I did not say a word to him about the Sandwich people.
 10,285. What conversation did take place between you about the management of the election at Sandwich?—We had no conversation about the management of the election.
 10,286. Or what was to be done to help Mr. Roberts's cause?—It was merely a passing observation. I made the remark that I thought it a great mistake hiring so many public-houses.
 10,287. And then he said what you have told us?—Yes, he said it was always his plan, and I said that I thought it illegal, and he said it was not, the case had been tried before, I believe he said at Westminster, and decided in his favour.
 10,288. You had no communication with him about the necessity of having money to pay voters, or anything of that kind?—No, I saw Mr. Olds about that, I spoke to him upon the subject. I told Mr. Olds it would be necessary to expend some money, and he asked me how much we should want, and I said I could not tell him exactly how much then, but I would let him know.
 10,289. And you did let him know?—Yes. I should like to add, with regard to Mr. Olds, that he told me the other day, after his first examination, that he had lost all the receipts, and wanted to know the amount of money I had from him, and I said, Well, of course, I gave you in the balance sheet a full account, and I cannot tell now off-hand the amount, as I made so many payments, but I should say 450l.; and upon going through the list of voters I have no doubt it was 480l. That will account for his saying the other day that he thought I had 450l.
 10,290. You are quite right to mention that. Do you remember when about it was you told Mr. Olds that money would be wanted in Sandwich?—No, I really cannot tell you the time, I was so much engaged.
 10,291. You got this money from Mr. Olds upon the Monday, was it not, before the election, the day before the election in fact?—Yes, it was the day before the election.
 10,292. Do you happen to remember how long it was before that you had told him that money would be wanted?—No, I really cannot say. I am sorry to say I did it at all as it turns out.
 10,293. Can you remember whether it was a day or two before that that you told him?—No, I really forget, but if I can remember I will let you know.
 10,294. Did you see him on the Monday before he sent you the money, or would it be Saturday?—It was some time previously.
 10,295. Not upon the Monday?—No.
 10,296. You cannot remember when it was you saw him; before he sent you the money?—No, I cannot remember. Mr. Hooper reminds me that he believes it was upon the Wednesday previous.
 (Mr. Hooper.) Mr. Olds drove to Sandwich to meet us at Mr. East's upon the Wednesday evening previous to the Monday.
 10,297. (Mr. Turner.) Was it then that you told Mr. Olds that money would be wanted.
 (Mr. Hooper.) I think it was then we came to an arrangement about it.
 (Mr. Turner.) Are you pretty sure, or is it a mere impression?
 (Mr. Hooper.) No, I am pretty sure about it. Mr. Olds drove over to meet us, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Giles, and myself.
 10,298-9. (Mr. Turner to the witness.) After you got this money, when did you mention the subject to Mr. Edwin Hughes?—Some time after the election I had a conversation about it.
 10,300. Do you remember what the conversation was?—No, I cannot, but the date of Mr. Hooper's cheque would tell you. It was after the election. I said to Mr. Hughes, "Here are two or three accounts that have been sent to Mr. Hooper," and he said, "Well, I have nothing to do with them; how is it they were not sent in before." I said it was not a very large

amount, and I was rather indignant about it because I rather thought he seemed to treat us as though we were trying to extort money from him, and I said we would not press it, upon which he said "I will give you a cheque," and he gave me a cheque and I told him then about these voters.

10,301. What did he say then?—He said, "Oh, I have nothing to do with that."

10,302. That was all that passed?—He said, "I do

"not want to hear anything at all about that," or something of that sort.

10,303. I suppose it was "I do not know and I do not want to know"; that was the sort of thing?—Yes.

10,304. With regard to these bills amounting to 12*l.* odd, did you tell him they were for treating?—No, I told him that they were bills sent in from different publicans and he did not ask me any questions. I did not go into any explanation at all.

THOMAS VALENTINE GILES sworn and examined.

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T. V. Giles.

10,305. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—An auctioneer.

10,306. Where of?—Stone Cross, in the parish of Ward; that is close to Sandwich.

10,307. How much money did you have?—6*l.* first from Mr. Olds.

10,308. For canvassing?—It was under the plea of canvassing.

10,309. Anything else?—I then received 18*l.* that Mr. Hughes has given me credit for, and here is the list of how I spent it (*handing same*). I did not put the address, but I think Mr. Baggallay has the address of those voters.

10,310. There are eight names on this list?—Yes; that was the 24*l.*—6*l.* from Mr. Olds and 18*l.* from Mr. Hughes.

10,311. I thought the 6*l.* was for yourself for canvassing?—I had it on the plea of canvassing, but I spent it in that manner.

10,312. That is 3*l.* each to these men?—Yes.

WILLIAM FAGG sworn and examined.

W. Fagg.

10,321. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

10,322. At Sandwich?—Yes.

10,323. What is your house?—The "Green Posts."

10,324. What did you have in this election?—I will hand you over my book and you will be able to see (*handing same*).

10,325. Did you receive any money?—Only 4*l.* about a fortnight ago. I have corrected that list so that you will be able to understand; that is the refreshments account in the back.

10,326. 11*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.*?—No, more than that.

10,327. 20*l.*?—I received 10*l.* on account. I received my instructions from Mr. Coleman.

10,328. What were his instructions?—As regards the voters?

10,329. But what were they?—To supply any voters with refreshments—any one that used his name.

10,330. That used Mr. Coleman's name?—Yes.

10,331. During the period of the election?—You will see the days there that I supplied it.

10,332. The 7th to the 18th of May?—Yes.

10,333. He ordered you to supply refreshments to voters and anybody using his name?—Yes; he did not particularly name voters, but anyone using his name.

10,334. If they simply said, "We come from Mr. Coleman," did you give them something?—Whatever they required they had.

10,335. What did they say when they came?—Whatever they ordered they said Mr. Coleman would pay for it.

10,336. They told you that?—Yes.

10,337. Did you know them?—Yes; there are no strangers in Sandwich; it is not a very large place.

10,338. You knew they were voters?—Not all, some were not voters. He sent some, not voters.

10,339. You had 10*l.* on account?—Yes, I received it of Mr. Coleman. First, I received a sovereign, which I gave no receipt for, and then he gave me 10*l.*, and I gave him a receipt for that.

10,340. For the two?—Yes.

10,341. (Mr. Holl.) Then you supplied altogether refreshments to the amount of 30*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*?—Yes, for those 12 or 13 days.

10,342. And you have been paid 10*l.* on account, and you sent in a further claim for 20*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*?—That is correct.

10,343. (Mr. Turner.) Have you had any part of that?—Nothing further than you see there.

10,344. You said something about 4*l.*?—I received 4*l.*

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about a fortnight ago, which he stated was for the use of rooms, assisting him in canvassing, and if you look over the other part, you will see many I canvassed; not only them, but I canvassed a great many others, but those were the men I paid.

10,345. (Mr. Holl.) When he took your room, he told you, did he not, that you were to use your influence among the people who come to your house?—Yes; we had worked together before.

10,346. In the first instance, the arrangement was to give you 4*l.* for the room in your house, and to use your influence?—We had no arrangement as regards money. I did not know this 4*l.* was coming.

10,347. You did use your influence with your customers?—Yes, I used my influence, but I had no arrangement as regards money.

10,348. Then he gave you 4*l.* afterwards?—Yes, about a fortnight ago. I did not expect it. You will see the voters there which I paid, and those I paid entirely out of my own pocket. I had instructions to make promises. Mr. Coleman and myself worked together.

10,349. (Mr. Turner.) What did you pay the voters?—You will see the sums there. I crossed their names off as I paid them after the election. I paid nothing before the election, but after the election I crossed those names off I paid. I have corrected that list on the next page, so that you can understand it better. They are the same names only put distinct.

10,350. (Mr. Holl.) You have paid to people 3*l.*, I see?—I think they average that right down; they are not equal.

10,351. Ten people 3*l.* each, two 4*l.*, and one man 1*l.*?—Yes.

10,352. Making 39*l.*?—Yes.

10,353. You have also received 4*l.* from Mr. Coleman, and you paid that sum of 39*l.* to the people whose names are here?—Yes.

10,354. For their votes?—Yes, all but 1*l.* 1*l.* Coleman paid Quasted, and I paid him the remaining 2*l.* I received 3*l.* from Coleman to pay Mr. Fears, and I received Mr. Coleman's 4*l.* I have added up the balance. I have a claim on Mr. Coleman.

10,355. (Mr. Turner.) You paid 39*l.* to these men?—Yes.

10,356. Were they all voters?—Yes, all voters.

10,357. You paid it for their votes?—Yes, or else I could not get them to remain on the Liberal side. Mr. Coleman and I worked together, and that I gave them to keep them from being brought over by the Conservatives.

10,358. (Mr. Holl.) You paid the men named here to help them to vote for the Liberal side?—Yes, as they

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had done before. The previous election was a walk over, but I had assisted Mr. Coleman previous to that in the election before that, but I had nothing to do with paying any money.

10,359. Can you put down the addresses of those different people, or their numbers on the register?—I do not know the numbers on the register. I know where most of those men live.

10,360. Write down on this side, opposite their names, where each of them lives?—I will. (*The witness did so.*)

10,361. (*Mr. Turner.*) Was that all you paid?—Yes; and that is all I have received. There is two persons I do not know the address of, but they are in Sandwich.

10,362. You have given us the address of all but two?—Yes.

10,363. Then you do not know the address of Pearson or Gambell?—Paradise Row is Gambell's.

10,364. You do not know Pearson's address?—No, I do not.

10,365. (*Mr. Jeune.*) To whom did you give refreshments—only to the people who used Mr. Coleman's name?—No; lots of others. I might say two thirds of the voters in Sandwich came to my house for refreshments.

10,366. A great many?—Yes.

10,367. And you used your own discretion and gave them to anybody, and no doubt what they wanted you gave to them?—I did not use my own discretion. They

came and ordered what they thought proper, and when they got the drink they told me Mr. Coleman would pay for it.

10,368. Besides those who used Mr. Coleman's name, did you supply refreshments to anybody else?—I might a few—just one or two.

10,369. This money you paid to voters was paid out of your own pocket, was it?—Yes; by instructions from Mr. Coleman. I believe Mr. Coleman handed you in a list of some of those names as money that he claimed for.

10,370. That he had promised?—Yes; he did not know I had paid them.

10,371. They were people who had been promised?—Yes.

10,372. (*Mr. Turner.*) It was your money that paid them?—I did not pay any money until a week or ten days after the election.

10,373. (*Mr. Jeune.*) And then you paid it out of your own pocket?—Yes, I paid all I promised.

10,374. And you have not received that amount?—No. I could have it if I pressed for it. Mr. Coleman told me he would give me a cheque for it out of his own pocket, and I said I would wait till the thing was settled.

10,375. And you have not claimed it of anybody else?—No.

10,376. You and Mr. Coleman worked together?—Yes.

J. Burchett.

JOHN BURCHETT sworn and examined.

10,377. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—In Peter Street.

10,378. What are you?—A publican.

10,379. What is the name of your house?—The "George and Dragon."

10,380. What money did you receive?—First I received 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

10,381. From whom?—Mr. Coleman.

10,382. What was that for?—He came and ordered some beer.

10,383. Was it for refreshments that you supplied?—I was to give some beer away, and I did give it, and the amount came to 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

10,384. Did Mr. Coleman tell you to give beer?—Yes, he settled that bill; that was before the election.

10,385. Was it to voters that you supplied it?—He never asked me for my vote at all, and he gave me 5*l.* for the good of my house.

10,386. How came you to give the beer to these people?—He told me I was to give some beer away, and I gave it away.

10,387. To anybody who asked you for it?—Anybody; he did not signify who it was I was to give it away to—it was merely for the good of the house.

10,388. He told you to give the beer to anybody who came and asked for it—did he?—Yes.

10,389. And did you do so?—Yes.

10,390. And the 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* is for that?—That was one bill, 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

10,391. What was the other?—4*l.* he gave me for the good of the house.

10,392. Mr. Coleman gave you that?—Yes.

10,393. I do not quite understand what that means—was it for beer, or a present to you?—No beer at all.

10,394. Was it that you might use your influence with your customers?—I had no order to use the 4*l.* for customers at all.

10,395. What did he give it to you for?—For the good of the house.

10,396. What does that mean?—For the good of the house; there was that passed between him and me.

10,397. Was it really that you should canvass the customers?—No, it was nothing to do with canvassing customers at all.

10,398. Did not you talk to your customers about their votes?—No.

10,399. You kept the 4*l.* then for nothing at all?—I kept the 4*l.* for nothing at all.

10,400. You said nothing and did nothing for it?—No.

10,401. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of that.

10,402. Then is the 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* all you had for supplying beer?—Yes.

10,403. Are those the only two sums you have been paid?—Yes, that and the 4*l.*, and I stuck to it.

10,404. Nothing besides the 4*l.* and the 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*?—I had the 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* before the election.

10,405. (*Mr. Holl.*) But had you nothing more than that?—Nothing more.

10,406. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.

10,407. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Roberts—no, Sir Julian Goldsmid, I mean.

M. A. Luff.

MARY ANNE LUFF sworn and examined.

10,408. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

10,409. What do you keep?—The "Mermaid" at Sandwich.

10,410. What had you to do with this election?—I had not anything to do with it—only to supply refreshments.

10,411. And you supplied refreshments, did you?—Yes.

10,412. To what extent?—2*l.* I received on the Saturday morning, and there was 20*l.* 10*s.* afterwards.

10,413. The Saturday morning before the election?—Yes, that was for refreshments before the election took place.

10,414. Who did you get the 2*l.* from?—Mr. Coleman.

10,415. Who told you to supply these refreshments?—Mr. Coleman.

10,416. To whom did he tell you to supply them?—To anyone that came and used his name.

10,417. That was the 2*l.* on Saturday?—Yes; and there was three days account after, Saturday, Monday, and the election day, Tuesday.

10,418. That was the 20*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

10,419. What was that for?—For refreshments. All kinds of refreshments.

10,420. Supplied to whom?—To all that liked to come in Mr. Coleman's name. My house being the only Liberal house, I had a great number to supply on the election day.

10,421. Yours is the only Liberal house, is it?—Yes, and there are no more about.

10,422. Have you been paid that 20*l.*?—No. I have not received any money, only the 2*l.* on the Saturday morning.

10,423. And is that all that you claimed?—Yes.

10,424. Nothing more?—Nothing more.

10,425. Did not you canvass your voters?—No, I had nothing to do with any voters at all. I had my orders

from Mr. Coleman to serve all those who came and used his name.

10,426. Have you sent in your account for the 20*l.* 10*s.* to Mr. Coleman?—Yes; he has the bill, I believe.

10,427. (*Mr. Jeune.*) About how many people did you supply?—I do not know; on the election day there might have been 400 or 500 people to supply. My place was filled in all directions.

10,428. And before the election day; on the Monday, and the days before, how many people do you think you supplied?—A great many.

10,429. Did they all use Mr. Coleman's name?—Yes; none was served only those that came from Mr. Coleman.

10,430. All those that were served that came from Mr. Coleman, were they people who usually used your house, or a large number of others?—Oh, no.

10,431. A large number that did not?—Yes, a large number, voters and friends likewise; they was not particular.

EDWARD HENRY CORK sworn and examined.

10,442. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a publican at Sandwich?—Yes.

10,443. What is your house?—The "Three Colts."

10,444. Did you supply refreshments during the election?—Yes.

10,445. To what extent?—2*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*; what I had the money for.

10,446. By whose order?—Mr. Coleman's.

10,447. When did he give you the order?—Before the election.

10,448. And it was supplied to anybody who used his name?—Yes.

10,449. Was that all you supplied?—No, I had another after that.

10,450. The 2*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* was before the election, was it not?—Yes.

10,451. Have you been paid that?—Yes.

10,452. By Mr. Coleman?—Yes.

10,453. What further did you supply?—Refreshments during the election.

10,454. The day of the polling?—Yes, and before that.

10,455. Then after you supplied the 2*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*, you supplied some more?—Yes.

10,456. How much was that?—7*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*

10,457. Including the election day?—Yes.

10,458. Was that by Mr. Coleman's order?—Yes.

10,459. Has that been paid you?—No.

10,460. Have you sent in the bill to Mr. Coleman?—Yes.

EDWARD BALLARD sworn and examined.

10,473. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a publican at Sandwich?—Yes.

10,474. What is your house?—The "Forester's Arms."

10,475. Did you supply any refreshments during the election?—Yes.

10,476. By whose order?—Mr. Coleman's order.

10,477. What is the amount of your claim; you were paid 5*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes, at the first onset.

10,478. And afterwards you supplied refreshments to the amount of 12*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*?—Yes.

10,479. Has that been paid you?—No.

10,480. When did you begin to supply that?—A few days before the election.

10,481. And including the election day?—Yes.

10,482. Was that to anybody who came with Mr. Coleman's order?—Yes.

10,483. Have you sent in your claim to him?—Yes, Mr. Coleman has got the bill.

10,484. (*Mr. Holl.*) How many people did you supply, about?—I could not say exactly, there were a good many out and in during the time.

10,485. And you cannot tell, I suppose, whether they were all voters or not?—No, I could not tell whether they were voters or not. They said they were ordered to come there for refreshments.

10,486. Some voters and some not?—Yes.

10,482. (*Mr. Turner.*) Do you know whether many of them were voters, or not?—No, I do not.

10,433. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Yours is the only Liberal house you say?—Yes, near the hall.

10,434. What makes your house a Liberal house; you have not got a vote yet?—No, but I have a brother who has, that lives in the house with me.

10,435. He is a voter, is he?—Yes.

10,436. I suppose he is a good staunch Liberal?—Yes.

10,437. Did he get anything?—No.

10,438. Nothing at all?—No, he never received a half-penny.

10,439. Has he a share in the house, or is it your house?—It is my house.

10,440. He helps you?—Yes.

10,441. And on account of his colours, it is a Liberal house?—I suppose so.

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10,461. Were the people who had your refreshments, voters?—Yes.

10,462. Are you a voter?—Yes.

10,463. (*Mr. Holl.*) There were some voters and some not, I suppose, who had refreshments?—Well, yes, I suppose so; I did not know them all.

10,464. You did not keep any account of the people?—No.

10,465. You supplied it to anybody who used Mr. Coleman's name?—Yes.

10,466. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you supply any people who did not use his name; your own friends, or anything of that sort?—No.

10,467. Then you did not supply anybody who did not use Mr. Coleman's name?—No, only those that used Mr. Coleman's name. I let them have it, of course. I had a running account with him all the year; he generally sends up there all the year round.

10,468. You have a running account with Mr. Coleman?—Yes; in the summer time he sends his men there for allowance, and that. They come and say, "We are from Mr. Coleman," and of course they have it, and I put it down to him.

10,469. Can you tell me about how many people came to your house, and used Mr. Coleman's name, during the election. I do not mean within one or two?—No, I cannot.

10,470. 100?—I could not say; but more than that.

10,471. 200?—I could not say how many.

10,472. About. Was there 100 at any rate?—Oh, yes, more than that.

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10,487. When it got known refreshments were to be had, I suppose they were pretty free in using Mr. Coleman's name?—Yes.

10,488. (*Mr. Jeune.*) 5*s.* 6*d.* was all you received, was it?—I received 4*l.* since then, a few weeks back.

10,489. From whom?—Mr. Coleman.

10,490. What was that for?—For the use of the house and helping him during the election.

10,491. You kept it open during the election for the purpose of refreshments?—Yes.

10,492. In what other sense did you keep it open, your house always is open, I suppose?—Yes, proper hours.

10,493. Was the 4*l.* for keeping it more open than usual? I do not quite understand, what was the 4*l.* for?—Sometimes people came in of an evening to ask a few questions about the election and voting, that is all.

10,494. You are a voter yourself, of course?—Yes.

10,495. Well, I suppose you voted straight, did not you?—Yes.

10,496. And 4*l.* helped you to do it, did not it?—I do not know about that; it did not make any difference about that.

10,497. Do you think you would have had the 4*l.* if you had not had a vote?—I expect so; I do not know.

10,498. The 4*l.* was for your vote really, was it not; your vote and influence?—There was nothing said about my vote for the 4*l.*

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10,499. Do not you really think it was for you to help the cause?—Well, I could not say what it was for exactly.

10,500. You will let me draw that conclusion, will you not? I shall not be very far wrong if I think that 4*l.* had something to do with your helping the party?—I do not know.

10,501. I do not think I shall. Was that all that you received?—Yes.

10,502. Every bit?—Yes. I have not received the 12*l.* yet.

10,503. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did Mr. Coleman take a room at your house?—No, he never took a room particular.

10,504. Did not Coleman take a room at your house?—No.

10,505. Did he engage your house?—He engaged it

for refreshments, and he asked me if I would assist him a little in canvassing.

10,506. When he engaged it for refreshments, did not he ask you to use your influence with the people who came to your house?—Yes.

10,507. And he said he would pay you 4*l.* for that?—No, he never said nothing about it; I did not know I was to have 4*l.* till a few weeks back.

10,508. He said when he engaged your house that he would pay you something?—He never promised me in that way, only refreshments.

10,509. Is it not correct, as he told us, that he asked you to keep back from taking anything from the other side until he had arranged with you?—He never said anything about it.

10,510. You were to canvass the people who came to your house?—Yes.

E. H. Cork.

EDWARD HENRY CORK recalled and further examined.

10,511. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you get 4*l.* for the use of your house?—Yes.

10,512. Mr. Coleman told you that he would engage your house?—Yes, a room there.

10,513. And give you 4*l.* for it?—He did not say what amount he would give me till afterwards, when he gave me 4*l.*

10,514. But he engaged your room?—Yes.

10,515. And was to pay something for it?—Yes; I did not know how much it was till after.

10,516. Did not he ask you to use your influence with the people who came to your house?—Yes.

10,517. And he would pay you for that?—Yes.

10,518. And afterwards he gave you 4*l.*?—Yes.

E. Ballard.

EDWARD BALLARD recalled and further examined.

10,519. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you have anything from the other side?—Yes.

10,520. How much was that?—3*l.*

10,521. Who from?—Mr. Look.

10,522. Was that to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—I do not know what it was for, he never mentioned.

10,523. He asked you to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts, did he not?—He never asked for my vote at all.

10,524. He spoke to you before you voted, before the election day?—It was before then some time.

10,525. What did he say to you; did he ask you if you would go with them?—Yes, he told me he had got a few words to say to me.

10,526. What were the few words?—About the coming election.

10,527. About voting on their side?—Yes, that he was canvassing for Mr. Roberts.

10,528. And he asked you to vote for Mr. Roberts?—He never asked me to vote.

10,529. What did he say?—He said he was canvassing, and wanted to get all he could.

10,530. He said it would be all right, did not he?—Yes, he said it would be all right; but there was nothing said about my vote, there never was to him.

10,531. Afterwards you voted?—I voted. It was some time before the election.

G. Bailey.

GEORGE BAILEY sworn and examined.

10,532. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you keep the "Bricklayers' Arms," at Sandwich?—Yes.

10,533. Was your house one at which Mr. Coleman engaged a room for 4*l.*?—He never exactly engaged the room; I never had any particular engagement for it.

10,534. Did he ask you for a room for the good of the house?—No; he knew I was of Liberal principles, and always had been.

10,535. Did he come to you about your house at all?—Yes.

10,536. What did he say to you?—Well, he did not say anything particular, not as regards mentioning any sum.

10,537. Never mind his mentioning any amount; what did he say?—He said I should have the same as the rest.

10,538. And he asked you to let him have the use of your house?—Yes, to have a room; and asked me to use my influence.

10,539. With the voters?—Yes; at least he did not ask me to do so, I did it on my own purpose.

10,540. He said you should have the same as the rest?—Yes.

10,541. For the use of your house, and using your influence with the voters?—Yes.

10,542. And for that you were to have the same as the rest?—Yes.

10,543. What were you to have the same as the rest for doing?—Well, I suppose for using my influence and for the room.

10,544. I suppose you did use your influence?—I did, as far as I could.

10,545. And afterwards you voted?—Yes.

10,546. And you got 4*l.*?—Yes, he left 4*l.* at my house; I was not there present.

10,547. You supplied refreshments, did not you, to some people?—Yes.

10,548. Was that by his direction?—Yes.

10,549. To people who used his name?—Yes.

10,550. To the amount of 10*s.* 11*d.*?—Yes; that was previous to the election.

10,551. That has been paid?—Yes.

10,552. Since you were paid that, have you further supplied refreshments to people who used his name to the amount of 4*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*?—Yes.

10,553. And that you have not been paid?—No.

10,554. Did you supply them to any person who used his name?—Supplied them to people who was anything like voters; some were not, and some were, no doubt; I cannot tell which.

10,555. Have you received any other money besides that?—Yes, I have received 1*l.* for watching.

10,556. Who was that from?—Mr. Coleman.

10,557. What was that watching which you did?—I suppose to look and see that no Liberal voters were tampered with by the other parties.

10,558. How long did you watch?—All the night previous to the election.

10,559. You had 1*l.* for that?—Yes.

10,560. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How did you watch?—Walked round about the town to see who there was about, and what was doing.

10,561. Did you walk about all night?—Yes, every minute of it.

10,562. (*Mr. Holl.*) And did you see anybody?—A great many.

ROBERT PIERCE sworn and examined.

R. Peirce.

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10,563. (*Mr. Holl.*) You keep the "Cinque Ports" hotel, at Sandwich?—Yes.

10,564. Was yours a house at which Mr. Coleman took a room, or what arrangement did he make with you?—He hired a room.

10,565. Did you have any arrangement what he was to pay for it?—Yes.

10,566. How much?—4*l.*

10,567. Were you to do anything for the 4*l.*? were you to use your influence with your customers?—No, that was for the room.

10,568. Were not you, besides that, to use your influence with the people who frequented your house?—No, not for that money.

10,569. Were you to use your influence at all?—That money was for the room.

10,570. But did not he also ask you to use your influence with the people who came to your house?—Yes, certainly.

10,571. And you agreed to do that for the 4*l.* too, did not you?—Yes.

10,572. You are a voter, I suppose?—Yes, I am a voter.

10,573. And I suppose you voted?—Yes.

10,574. You supplied refreshments, did you not, to different people?—Yes.

10,575. To the amount of 13*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

10,576. Whose order was that by?—Mr. Coleman's.

10,577. To people who used his name?—Yes.

10,578. And that you were paid?—Yes.

10,579. Since that have you supplied further refreshments to people by his order to the amount of 1*l.* 12*s.*?—Yes.

10,580. Have you received any other money besides the 13*s.* 6*d.* and 4*l.*?—No, not from Mr. Coleman.

10,581. From anybody else?—No, I have not.

10,582. Who has, your wife?—Very likely; for a room I think she has.

10,583. How much did she receive?—I cannot tell you.

10,584. About?—Well, the women are pretty close you know.

10,585. Tell us the fact at once to save time; about how much do you think she received?—We have had an old gentleman stopping with us all the summer.

10,586. Answer the question; did she receive anything in connexion with the election. If you do not tell us we shall be obliged to summon her, and we do not want to do that?—All right, I will tell you directly.

10,587. How much has she received in connexion with the election?—5*l.*

10,588. Who from?—I cannot think of the man's name now.

10,589. Try and think?—Slaughter.

10,590. What is his Christian name?—I do not know.

10,591. What is he?—A clerk, I think.

10,592. A clerk to a solicitor?—Clerk to the brewer of High Street.

10,593. What was that 5*l.* for?—For hiring one of the rooms.

10,594. Was that for the Conservative or the Liberal party?—That one was for the Conservative party.

10,595. So you let one room to Mr. Coleman for the Liberal party, and you took 5*l.* for the use of another room for the Conservatives?—Yes.

10,596. They neither of them used the rooms did they?—No, I think not.

10,597. I will not ask you which side you voted, but you voted for one side?—Yes, I voted for one side. They never asked me for my vote. I always stuck to my colours.

THOMAS PORT sworn and examined.

T. Port.

10,598. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A shipwright.

10,599. Where do you live?—Sandwich.

10,600. How much did you receive?—I received 4*l.* off Mr. Coleman.

10,601. Was that to vote for the Liberal side?—Yes.

10,602. Have you received anything more?—Yes.

10,603. Who from?—Mr. Hughes; I did not receive

it from him, at least; he laid it down, and asked if it was any use, and I told him yes.

10,604. How much?—3*l.*

10,605. And then you voted?—I voted red.

10,606. You voted for the Conservative?—Yes.

10,607. Have you received anything more from anyone?—No.

RICHARD HENRY BRIGHT sworn and examined.

R. H. Bright.

10,608. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mariner.

10,609. Where do you live?—Sandwich.

10,610. What street?—Fisher Street.

10,611. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Lock.

10,612. To vote for the Liberals?—I did not vote at all.

10,613. But did you receive it to vote for the Liberals?—I do not know what it was for.

10,614. Did he ask you to vote for the Liberal?—No, he did not; he gave me 3*l.*

10,615. But he said something, did not he?—He said, "Here is 3*l.* for you"; he did not say anything.

10,616. He asked you to vote for the Liberals at the election, did not he?—No, he did not.

10,617. He never canvassed you at all?—No.

10,618. He never said anything to you?—No.

10,619. But still he gave you 3*l.*?—Yes, and I put it in my pocket.

10,620. What did he say?—He said he hoped he should see me there.

10,621. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where, at the election?—Yes.

10,622. (*Mr. Holl.*) He gave you the money before voting?—The day of the election.

10,623. And you led him to suppose you would see him there?—Yes, and so I should if I had not got too much beer and could not get there.

10,624. You intended to go?—Yes, if I had not got too much beer.

10,625. You intended to go, but you got too much beer and you could not?—No.

10,626. Did you receive any money from anybody else?—Yes.

10,627. Who from?—4*l.* from Mr. Coleman.

10,628. You told him, I suppose, that you would vote for his side?—I did not promise him at all.

10,629. But you led him to suppose you would vote for his side?—He gave me the 4*l.*, and said he would like to see me up there, and I said I should be there by-and-by, but I got too much beer.

10,630. Did you receive anything more?—No more.

THOMAS WANSTELL sworn and examined.

F. Wanstell.

10,631. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A seafaring man.

10,632. Where do you live?—Fisher Street, Sandwich.

10,633. What did you receive?—4*l.* 10*s.*

10,634. Who from?—Mr. Coleman.

10,635. Was that to vote for the Liberal side, or who were you to vote for?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.

10,636. And did you vote?—Yes.

10,637. Have you received anything from anyone else?—No.

10,638. Not anything?—No.

10,639. How came you to get the 4*l.* 10*s.*?—I suppose he made a mistake. He was going to give me 4*l.*, I suppose. He gave it me and I whipped it in my pocket, and when I got home I found I had got 4*l.* 10*s.*, so I kept it.

10,640. You think he gave you 10*s.* more than he intended?—I think he made a mistake, so much the better for me.

J. Castle.

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JOHN CASTLE sworn and examined.

- 10,641. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A mariner.
 10,642. Where do you live ?—Sandwich.
 10,643. In what street ?—Vicarage Lane.
 10,644. What did you receive ?—4*l.*
 10,645. Who from ?—Mr. Coleman.
 10,646. Was that to vote for the Liberal side ?—Yes.
 10,647. And you voted for the Liberal, I suppose ?—No, I did not.
 10,648. Did you vote at all ?—Yes, I did.
 10,649. Then you voted for the Conservatives ?—Yes.
 10,650. Did you get anything from them ?—Yes, 3*l.*
 10,651. Who from ?—I cannot tell you who it was from.

- 10,652. But you got 3*l.* from the Conservatives side ?—Yes, and voted for them.
 10,653. And you cannot tell me who it was from ?—No, unless it was Mr. Hughes.
 10,654. (*Mr. Hughes.*) Did not Back give it to you ?—Then it was on your side.
 10,655. (*Mr. Holl.*) Come now, who was it gave it to you ?—Back.
 10,656. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is he Mr. Hughes ? (*Mr. Hughes.*) He was one of the sub-agents, sir.
 10,657. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive anything more ? No.

R. Ferrier.

ROBERT FERRIER sworn and examined.

- 10,658. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A labourer.
 10,659. Where do you live ?—Cattle Market, Sandwich.
 10,660. What did you receive ?—1*l.*
 10,661. Who from ?—Mr. Coleman.
 10,662. Was that to vote for the Liberal side ?—Yes.
 10,663. And you voted ?—Yes.
 10,664. Did you receive anything from anybody else ?—No.
 10,665. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When did you get the 1*l.* ?—The morning of the election.
 10,666. You were satisfied with 1*l.* ?—Well, I could not get anything more.
 10,667. Is that all you got ?—That is all I got.

- 10,668. Was it all you were promised ?—I do not know ; if there is a little more I should like to have it.
 10,669. Did not Mr. Coleman promise you any more ? Yes, he promised me a little more.
 10,670. What did he promise you ?—He did not tell me what.
 10,671. He gave you 1*l.* down, and you were to have something more afterwards ?—Yes.
 10,672. Did anybody else give you anything ?—No.
 10,673. Or promise you anything ?—No.
 10,674. You do not remember what Mr. Coleman did promise you ?—I do not ; he did not mention anything what he promised me.
 10,675. And you have lived in that expectation ever since ?—Yes.

G. Sackree.

GEORGE SACKREE sworn and examined.

- 10,676. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A labourer.
 10,677. Where do you live ?—Friar's Alley, Cattle Market, Sandwich.
 10,678. What did you receive ?—1*l.*
 10,679. Who from ?—Mr. Coleman, and he promised me another if he could get it.
 10,680. Was that to vote for the Liberal side ?—Yes.

- 10,681. And did you vote ?—Yes, for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 10,682. Did you have any money from anybody else ?—No.
 10,683. Was anything promised ?—No.
 10,684. From nobody else but Mr. Coleman ?—No.

J. Young.

JOHN YOUNG sworn and examined.

- 10,685. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A labourer.
 10,686. Where do you live ?—Peter Street, Sandwich.
 10,687. How much did you get ?—3*l.* for voting for the Conservatives.
 10,688. Who from ?—Mr. Wybourne.
 10,689. And that was to vote for the Conservatives ?—Yes.
 10,690. Did you get anything else from anybody ?—Yes, after the election.
 10,691. Who from ?—Mr. Coleman.
 10,692. Did you get the money from Mr. Wybourne before the election ?—Yes, before I went to vote.
 10,693. And then you voted ?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Roberts.

- 10,694. And after the election Mr. Coleman gave you something ?—I went into his shop, about a fortnight afterwards, for a halfpenny worth of milk, and he asked me how I got on, and I told him I did not know, rather rough, and he said, I will give you a sovereign in advance—he had promised 5*l.*
 10,695. To vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid ?—Yes, the same as he had at other elections, but still it never came, so I thought I would get it before I voted.
 10,696. You voted for the people who paid you ?—Yes, I voted for the people who paid me.
 10,697. And you did not tell him when he gave you the sovereign that you had voted for Mr. Roberts ?—Certainly not, he asked whether I would accept of it.
 10,698. Did you receive anything from anyone else ?—No.

W. Piddock.

WILLIAM PIDDOCK sworn and examined.

- 10,699. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A market gardener.
 10,700. Where do you live ?—Moatsole, Sandwich.
 10,701. What did you receive ?—14*l.* from Mr. Coleman the day before the election.
 10,702. What was that for ?—To pay three of my men, and fetch a young man named Bailey from Ramsgate.
 10,703. Did you pay your men ?—Yes.
 10,704. How much did you pay your men ?—Burton had 5*l.*
 10,705. What is his Christian name ?—Zachariah.
 10,706. Who else did you pay ?—Richard Dillnot Smith had 3*l.*
 10,707. What is his address ?—King Street, Sandwich.
 10,708. What is the other man's name ?—John Drayson, Cattle Market, Sandwich. He is a labourer.
 10,709. What did he have ?—3*l.*
 10,710. That makes 11*l.* ?—Yes.
 10,711. And what did you do with the other 3*l.* that you got ?—There was a young man that lived close to Ramsgate of the name of Bailey, and I got up early and fetched him on the morning of the election.
 10,712. Did you pay him anything ?—I paid him 1*l.*, and kept 2*l.* for expenses.

- 10,713. You paid him 1*l.* for coming to vote ?—Yes.
 10,714. What is Bailey's address ?—I cannot tell you.
 10,715. What is his Christian name ?—Robert.
 10,716. And he lives at Ramsgate ?—Near Ramsgate.
 10,717. Do you know where he lives ?—He lives along with his father. He is a little farmer. I cannot tell you his address here.
 10,718. He is a farmer ?—Yes. North Wood, St. Peter's, that is his address.
 10,719. And the other 2*l.* you kept for expenses ?—Yes.
 10,720. Have you received any money beside this ?—No.
 10,721. That is all ?—Yes.
 10,722. You are a voter, I suppose ?—Yes.
 10,723. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You say Burton had 5*l.*, and Smith and Drayson, 3*l.* each ?—Yes.
 10,724. How came Burton to have more than the rest ?—Because I could not get him to vote without I gave him 5*l.*, because he said the other side had offered him 5*l.* I was obliged to give him 5*l.*, or I should not have got him to go.

ZACHARIAH BURTON sworn and examined.

Z. Burton.

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10,725. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 10,726. Where do you live?—Sandwich.
 10,727. Did you receive 5*l.*?—Yes.
 10,728. From Mr. Pidcock?—Yes.
 10,729. Was that to vote for the Liberal?—I do not know.
 10,730. Was it to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—He came to me on the election morning and told me he would give me 5*l.* for good conduct.
 10,731. Do not trifle with us. You are on your oath remember. Do not disgrace yourself. You do not mean to tell us that was for good conduct. You know very well it was for your vote; to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Vote; I would vote for nothing.
 10,732. Do you not know Mr. Pidcock told you he wanted you to come and vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—He told me he would give me 5*l.* for good conduct.
 10,733. Did not he ask you to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—He did not mention Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 10,734. Do you mean to say he did not ask you to vote for the Liberal?—He told me he would give me 5*l.* if I would go and have a day.
 10,735. A day where?—A day's holiday.
 10,736. Did not he ask you to go and vote for the Liberal side, or for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—No.
 10,737. Do you mean to swear he did not ask you to vote for anyone at all?—(*No answer.*)
 10,738. Tell us at once what he did say; you must know?—Well, I did have to go that way.
 10,739. You did have to go that way?—Yes.
 10,740. That was at Mr. Pidcock's request?—Yes.
 10,741. And he gave you 5*l.* for that?—(*No answer.*)
 10,742. Why do not you say so at once. Did you have anything from anyone else?—No.
 10,743. You voted?—Yes.
 10,744. With Mr. Pidcock?—No, I did not go along with him.
 10,745. But you did vote?—Yes, I did vote.
 10,746. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did anybody else offer you anything?—No.
 10,747. On neither side.
 10,748. Did not you have a conversation with Mr. Pidcock about the sum you were to have?—No.

10,749. Not a word?—No.
 10,750. (*Mr. Turner.*) Have not you heard Mr. Pidcock say that you told him you must have 5*l.* because you had been offered that by the other side. Do you mean to say that is not true?—No, it is not true.
 10,751. Just think?—It is not true.
 10,752. How was it you came to get 5*l.* instead of 3*l.* which all the other men got, was it not because you asked for 5*l.*?—No, I did not ask for anything.
 10,753. You really mean to say that?—Yes, I did not ask.
 10,754. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Just tell us what took place. Mr. Pidcock came up to you and what happened then?—He came up to me, well, what did he say to me?
 10,755. That is what we want to know, what did he say?—I do not know.
 10,756. You know he said something to you. What did he say?—I do not know.
 10,757. Yes you do. What did he say?—I cannot recollect what he said now, it is so long ago.
 10,758. It is not so very long, you do not often get 5*l.* given to you?—No, I should like to have it every day.
 10,759. You remember that 5*l.*?—Yes.
 10,760. What did you say to him?—I do not know.
 10,761. Oh yes you do. Did not he ask you which way you were going to vote?—I do not know.
 10,762. But you do, just think?—No, I do not.
 10,763. Do you mean he put his hand into his pocket and gave you 5*l.*?—No, he did not.
 10,764. What did he do; are you quite sure he did did not do that?—Quite sure he did not do it.
 10,765. Then what did he do?—He went away from me, I was at work.
 10,766. What happened next?—I went home to dinner.
 10,767. I mean when Mr. Pidcock was there?—He went away, he can tell you.
 10,768. Then what Mr. Pidcock said was correct was it?—I do not know.
 10,769. Did not you hear what he said?—No.
 10,770. It does not much matter, you got the 5*l.* anyhow?—Yes, I spent it.
 10,771. And you voted?—Yes.

HENRY HARRISON sworn and examined.

H. Harrison.

10,772. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A brewer's labourer.
 10,773. Where at?—Mr. Gillow's, Sandwich.
 10,774. What money did you receive?—1*l.*
 10,775. From Mr. Coleman?—Yes.
 10,776. What was that for voting?—After I voted.
 10,777. He promised it you before?—Yes, he promised it before.

10,778. And so you voted?—No, I voted for the Liberal.
 10,779. Did he promise you anything more?—He promised me a little more, but he did not say what sum.
 10,780. You never got any more?—No.
 10,781. Did you get anything else from anybody?—No.
 10,782. That is all you got?—That is all.

WILLIAM DEVERSON sworn and examined.

W. Deverson.

10,783. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter, Chain, Sandwich.
 10,784. Did you receive any money?—No money at all.
 10,785. Nothing?—Nothing at all.
 10,786. Nothing from anybody?—No.
 10,787. (*Mr. Holl.*) Were you promised anything?—No.
 10,788. Not by Mr. Coleman?—No, I was never promised any. Mr. Coleman asked me for my vote, I says, "All right," and he says "Will you take anything or will you leave it to me," and I said "I will leave it to you."
 10,789. (*Mr. Turner.*) And you voted?—Yes.

10,790. And you expected something from Mr. Coleman?—I do not know, promises are made to break. I never had anything.
 10,791. Not from anybody?—Not from anybody.
 10,792. (*Mr. Holl.*) When you voted you thought that Mr. Coleman would give you something?—I did not know what he meant by "leave it to me." I suppose he meant something of that sort.
 10,793. When you went and voted you thought he would give you something?—I did not want anything, I never asked him for anything.
 10,794. (*Mr. Turner.*) You expected something after what he said?—I might expect something some time or other.

THOMAS MANNINGS sworn and examined.

T. Mannings.

10,795. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A painter.
 10,796. Do you live at Sandwich?—Yes.
 10,797. Where?—Millwall Place.
 10,798. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
 10,799. How much?—4*l.*
 10,800. From whom?—1*l.* from Mr. Coleman and 3*l.* from the other side.

10,801. Who from?—From Mr. Brett.
 10,802. For which side did you vote?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid. I promised him when he came.
 10,803. That was the 1*l.*?—Yes.
 10,804. And you took the 3*l.* to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.
 10,805. Have you had anything more?—No, and I have never been promised any more.

J. Drayson.

JOHN DRAYSON sworn and examined.

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10,806. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a very poor man.

10,807. But what is your work?—Rope maker and twine spinner.

10,808. Where do you live?—Moat Sole, Sandwich.

10,809. What did you receive?—Well, I must reckon up.

10,810. Come, you know very well, let us have no nonsense, what did you receive?—I received three sovereigns.

10,811. From whom?—Mr. Hooper.

10,812. To vote for whom?—The Conservative side.

10,813. For Mr. Mr. Roberts?—Yes.

10,814. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—Yes, I did.

10,815. Well, how much?—3*l.* from Mr. Piddock.

10,816. That was to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

10,817. Did you vote for the Conservative or Liberal?—The Conservative.

10,818. Did you receive anything else?—Yes, I did.

10,819. What?—3*l.* from Mr. Cloke.

10,820. What was that for?—For work.

10,821. What kind of work?—Well, I cannot tell you any different, only that I was employed in regard to the election.

10,822. Canvassing, or putting up flags?—No, nor yet taking them down again.

10,823. What were you employed for?—To see that there was no bribery.

10,824. And you saw that there was no bribery by taking the money from both sides yourself; that was your notion of seeing there was no bribery?—I was to work for the Conservative party.

10,825. You told us you took 3*l.*?—Yes. I could find no other bribery, only my own. I thought there should be one case.

10,826. And that was your own?—Yes.

10,827. You are a martyr in fact. I want to know a little more what you did for the 3*l.* which you said you had for seeing there was no bribery?—I have not had that but a very short time.

10,828. What were you to do for that which M. Cloke gave you?—Mr. Cloke engaged me to look after this business, and he told me if I could only do it myself it would be sufficient. As I could find no one else, I did it myself.

10,829. But he must have told you something that you were to do. He did not say, merely, "Look after this business." He must have told you something which you were to do for it?—Not particularly.

10,830. What did you think you were to do?—I do not know I was to look out in this way to see that no one else passed any money, I suppose, in this election, I did not understand much about them. What I had got to do was to see that there was no bribery, and I could not find a case, and I thought I would make one.

10,831. How did you go to work to see that?—I kept my eyes open, but it was no good.

10,832. What trouble had you taken to see that there was no bribery?—Worked night and day, eight days and eight nights.

10,833. But what were you doing?—Walking about during the whole time.

10,834. Looking after what?—Bribery.

10,835. Did you go into people's houses, or what?—Yes, in and out of houses, as far as I could go.

10,836. And you have only just received that 3*l.*?—Yes.

10,837. From Mr. Cloke?—Yes, I have just received it; a fortnight or three weeks ago.

10,838. (*Mr. Holl.*) This is an important matter, and you have mentioned Mr. Cloke's name; tell us when did you actually receive this money?—I could not tell you the day of the week, or anything of the sort; I received it very lately.

10,839. Within the last two or three weeks?—Yes, within, I might say, three weeks, or say a month.

10,840. When do you say Mr. Cloke employed you? When did he first speak to you about doing any work?—The first of the election. It was eight days and nights.

10,841. At the beginning of the election did he speak

to you?—I do not know when they began, but I served eight days.

10,842. About eight days before the polling day did he speak to you?—Yes; the polling day was the eighth day.

10,843. Tell us what he asked you to do?—He asked me to look after Mr. Coleman, and likewise the men that I thought was likely to bribe.

10,844. You were to watch them?—Yes.

10,845. To see if you could find whether anybody was bribed?—Yes, that is quite right.

10,846. And did you go about?—Yes, I did.

10,847. Trying to see whether you could detect any bribery?—Yes.

10,848. Did you make inquiries?—Yes.

10,849. And did you go about the place to see if you could ascertain if any bribery was going on?—I did.

10,850. And do you mean to tell us you did that for eight days?—Yes, and eight nights.

10,851. Did you make any reports to Mr. Cloke?—No.

10,852. Did you go to him from day to day and tell him?—No; I had no case at all, only my own.

10,853. Did you ever go to him and tell him whether you had found any case or not?—No, I did not.

10,854. You never went near him?—No.

10,855. Are you sure of that?—I saw him once or twice, but not to speak to.

10,856. When you saw him during that time did you speak to him?—No; I took no notice at all.

10,857. Did you tell him whether you had ascertained anything at all?—No.

10,858. Did he make any inquiries of you?—No.

10,859. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

10,860. Are you quite sure he had no communication with you after you say he employed you to do this during the whole of that work; now just think?—No, none at all.

10,861. It is a serious imputation you are making on Mr. Cloke. Just think it over. Are you quite sure he had no communication with you after you say he employed you to do this, during the whole of that work?—None.

10,862. You are quite sure of that?—Quite sure.

10,863. When did you first have any conversation with him about this election?—Several times.

10,864. Had you none from the time he employed you, up to the time of the election?—No.

10,865. None whatever?—Not with Mr. Cloke.

10,866. Had you any conversation with anyone else about this watching the bribery, or watching to see if there was any?—No, not on that scale; not one.

10,867. Not in that matter, you mean?—No, not one person.

10,868. When did you first mention it again to Mr. Cloke?—Not long after the election; about two days or a week perhaps.

10,869. What did you say to him then?—I told him I thought I had done my best in his business; and the night of the election I told Mr. Cloke I had received some money of the blue party, and he had a glass of ale at the expense of the money.

10,870. (*Mr. Turner.*) You told him of your own bribe?—Yes.

10,871. (*Mr. Holl.*) You told him that you had had some money from the blue party?—Yes, I told several. He was there, and Mr. Hughes.

(*Mr. Hughes.*) I think, perhaps, sir, I can explain it; he spoke to me.

(*Mr. Holl.*) You can presently, Mr. Hughes.

10,872. You say you told Mr. Cloke in the presence of others?—Yes, that I had got some blue money.

10,873. That you had received some money from the blues?—Yes.

10,874. Did he say anything to that?—He did not make any particular answer, only in this way: He says, "I did not think it would be required."

10,875. He did not think what would be required?—My evidence.

10,876. Did you tell him anything else besides that?—Nothing else.

10,877. Nothing besides your having received money yourself?—No.

10,878. Considering the amount of bribery we know was going on, you were not very successful in your researches?—Well, I do not know, they are pretty artful in Sandwich; they are not fools there; they are very artful people, very cunning, and very close.

10,879. What did you say to Mr. Cloke after the election, about this?—After the election I went to Mr. Cloke, and asked him if he could settle up with me for the time I was at work for him, and he said, no, not at that time, for he had no money. Once I went, and he would not see me.

10,880. The first time he would not see you?—I see him then. I went again, and he would not see me.

10,881. When you saw him did you tell him you had done anything; and what?—He did not ask me the question; not one word.

10,882. You say you went to him, and asked him to settle up?—Yes, for eight days and nights.

10,883. Tell us what you said when you asked him to settle up?—All that I asked him was, whether he would be kind enough to settle up with me, and he said he had got no money.

10,884. Did you tell him whether he had done anything?—No, he did not ask me a question.

10,885. Did you act in any other capacity, as a check clerk, or anything of that kind?—No, not at all.

10,886. Or canvasser?—No.

10,887. Or clerk?—No.

10,888. Or messenger?—No, nothing in that way at all.

10,889. Did you do anything at all for the Conservative party by his direction, beyond what you have told us?—Nothing further than I have told you.

10,890. When after this work did you first apply to him again?—I cannot say; it might have been, perhaps, three weeks or so, I should think; that is a rough guess.

10,891. What did you say to him then?—I went to ask him again, and he was not at home.

10,892. When did you next see him?—I could not tell you the date, nor yet the day.

10,893. How soon after?—The last time I see him he paid me the 3*l*.

10,894. What did you say to him when he paid you?—It was about a month or three weeks back.

10,895. What did you say to him on the occasion when he paid you?—He said nothing, only paid me.

10,896. But what did you say to him? Did you say anything?—No, and he never asked me a question.

10,897. You must have said something?—No, nothing.

10,898. Did you tell him you had come to be settled with?—No, he did not ask that. When I went in he settled with me; he says, "Would 3*l*. satisfy you," and I said "Yes."

10,899. Did not you ask him for anything or tell him you had come to be paid?—He did not ask me that

question. When I went there he said, "Come in, Mr. Drayson," and he said, "What do you think about your work; do you think 3*l*. would satisfy you," and I said "Yes."

10,900. At the time he first employed you as you say, did he tell you what he would pay you?—No, he did not.

10,901. Did he say he would pay you 3*l*., or so much a day, or what?—No settled price at all.

10,902. Are you a voter?—Yes.

10,903. And you voted, I suppose?—Yes.

10,904. (*Mr. Jeune*.) You say Mr. Cloke employed you about a week before the election?—No, that is wrong. I say I worked eight days at the election fair.

10,905. How long was it before the election that Mr. Cloke employed you?—About eight days.

10,906. When did you get the 3*l*. from Mr. Pidcock?—The morning of the election, about 12 o'clock.

10,907. How did you know Pidcock was giving money about?—That is what I was looking after.

10,908. But how did you come to know that Pidcock was giving money away?—I did not know at all till I tried him.

10,909. How came you to try him?—Well, in fact he tried me. He says, "Have you voted," and I says, "No, Mr. Pidcock, I have not," and he says, "You go and vote and I will give you 3*l*."; I says, "I was just going up;" he says, "After you have voted I will give you 3*l*."; and after I voted I went to his house and he laid six half sovereigns on the table and I politely took them up.

10,910. Had you heard before that Mr. Pidcock was giving money away?—I had heard that.

10,911. And so you made him, and he said what you have told us?—Yes.

10,912. Did you tell Mr. Cloke that Mr. Pidcock had given you that 3*l*?—I did not tell him; he gave me 3*l*. I told him I had got some blue money.

10,913. That is the same thing. When did you tell Mr. Cloke that?—The same evening.

10,914. Did you go on purpose to tell him or did you meet him?—I went, not purposely to tell him; he happened to be close to the door; I was going in at the "New Inn," and I went in and told him and this gentleman here, Mr. Hughes, I believe.

(*Mr. Hughes*.) Yes, I was there.

10,915. (*Mr. Jeune*.) Did you go on purpose to tell Mr. Cloke?—Not exactly at that moment; it was no use my going to tell Mr. Cloke at that time, for I should not perhaps find him at home. I should have to see Mr. Cloke in the morning about half-past 8; that would have been about the time.

10,916. Did you consider that what you had to do was to tell Mr. Cloke about the fact that Mr. Pidcock had bribed you?—Yes, I did consider that was right.

10,917. You considered it was that sort of thing that Mr. Cloke employed you for?—Yes, I was employed for that very purpose.

10,918. And that evening you did tell Mr. Cloke that you had had blue money?—I did.

WILLIAM JOHN HUGHES recalled; further examined.

W. J. Hughes.

10,919. (*Mr. Holl*.) You said just now that you were present when the last witness told us he told Mr. Cloke about having received blue money?—Yes.

10,920. Tell us what you remember about that?—I remember the fact of Drayson being engaged as a sort of detective. We had an idea that Sir Julian Goldsmid's committee would be bribing, and we engaged Drayson to watch and get up a case if he could; and the day of the election he said he had been unsuccessful until that day, and then he had 3*l*.; and if he did not say the amount he said he had blue money; that was the night after the election. Some time after, Mr. Cloke said to me something about Drayson, that Drayson had been worrying him for some money for the work he had done and what did I think would satisfy him. I said I should give him about 3*l*.; that was perhaps a month after the election. He said Drayson had been there two or three times worrying him for money for what he had done.

(*Mr. Holl*.) That agrees with what Mr. Cloke told us.

10,921. (*Mr. Jeune*.) What made you think that money was going on the blue side?—Because we heard so from different people.

10,922. Can you remember when you first heard that?—No, I could not tell you the day.

10,923. You put Drayson on eight days before the election?—Yes; I could not say the time; he was on several days before the election; he would know; I cannot tell you that.

10,924. Do you remember whether, when you put Drayson on, you had heard then that money was going, or was likely to go?—I could not say I had heard, but we suspected it would.

10,925. For what reason; had you any reason for suspecting it?—I cannot give you any reason now; I suspected there would be a certain amount of money spent. It was not only suspicion.

10,926. What led you to that; has there always been money spent in Sandwich, or what?—I do not know. I have never taken any active part in an election before.

10,927. You had no special reason on that occasion for thinking that there would be money spent?—No, no special reason.

E. Smithers.

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EDWARD SMITHERS sworn and examined.

10,928. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A baker and confectioner.

10,929. At Sandwich?—Church Street, Sandwich.

10,930. What money did you receive?—1*l.* after the election. I went volunteering, and took a deal of trouble.

10,931. Answer my question first, you received 1*l.* after the election?—Yes.

10,932. From Mr. Coleman?—Yes.

10,933. Had he promised it before the election?—Not a farthing. I went voluntarily for Sir Julian Goldsmid. I did not expect anything.

10,934. Had he said anything to you about giving you some amount?—No. He met me in trouble, and he gave me a sovereign on the 29th of May (oak apple day), and the election was on the 18th.

10,935. Before the 18th had he promised you anything?—No. I promised him myself my vote. I always was a blue, and I will continue a blue or a radical.

10,936. You promised him your vote before the election?—Yes.

10,937. Did he say anything about your having something?—No, nothing at all.

10,938. Is that all you had?—That is all I had, but Mr. Tucker, Mr. Crompton Roberts' agent, offered me 5*l.* at the "Cinque Ports" stables, but I would not take it.

10,939. He offered you 5*l.* for your vote, and you would not take it?—No.

10,940. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is Tucker's Christian name?—I do not know his name.

10,941. Where does he live?—In Deal. He put up at the stables of the "Cinque Ports," which I look after. I fed the horse with corn, and looked after the stable, and he went away and paid me nothing, because I would not give him my vote.

10,942. When did Tucker offer you this 5*l.*?—A day or two before the election.

10,943. Where was it he offered it you?—At the "Cinque Ports" arms stables, Sandwich.

10,944. He offered you 5*l.* there, did he?—Yes. He asked whether 5*l.* would be of any use to me, and I said, "No, I am not that colour."

10,945. You did promise Mr. Coleman?—No. I said I was that colour, it is my own colour. I went myself to Mr. Coleman; Mr. Coleman never asked me.

10,946. But you went and volunteered to him?—Yes.

10,947. And said you would vote?—Yes.

10,948. And he said, what?—"Well," he said, "with the greatest of pleasure, I am sure."

10,949. And afterwards he met you and gave you 1*l.*?—But that was the 29th. I went voluntarily.

10,950. I daresay?—I did not think of having anything. He came like a gentleman and give it me when I was in distress. My boy had just come home from St. Augustine's through drunkenness, and I had not had a week's work, and when a gentleman comes and puts a sovereign in your hand like that, I do not see that is any bribery at all.

10,951. I differ from you, but probably that is not important. Can you tell me where Tucker lives in Deal?—I do not know. He was a stranger; he put up at the "Cinque Ports" arms. I fancy I can ascertain where he is. He was agent for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

10,952. Do you know where he was staying at Deal?—I do not.

10,953. Was that the only time you saw him?—Yes.

10,954. How did you know it was Mr. Tucker?—By his name and address; he put it down on paper. Mr. Slaughter has got the paper. He made his paper out for the money to be paid for the stable.

10,955. And you saw there "Tucker"?—Yes, that is all I knew by his putting his name there—Tucker.

10,956. That is the only way you knew his name?—Yes.

10,957. (*Mr. Holl.*) What day was it?—I could not tell exactly the day.

D. Port.

DAVID PORT sworn and examined.

10,958. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

10,959. Where?—I work for Mr. Pidcock.

10,960. Do you live at Sandwich?—Yes.

10,961. What money did you receive?—3*l.*

10,962. From whom, Mr. Coleman?—No.

10,963. You must know who from; just think a minute?—George Hooper.

10,964. What was that for?—To vote.

10,965. Did you vote?—Yes.

10,966. Did he ask you for a Liberal vote?—No, Conservative.

10,967. Who did you vote for?—The Conservative.

10,968. Have you had anything else?—Yes.

10,969. What?—15*s.* off Mr. Coleman.

10,970. What for?—For canvassing my son's vote from Ripple, going there and back.

10,971. Where had you to go for it?—To Ripple; seven miles.

10,972. And you got 15*s.* for that?—Yes.

10,973. Anything more?—No.

10,974. You received nothing else?—No, nothing else.

H. Walker.

HENRY WALKER sworn and examined.

10,975. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A ship's carpenter.

10,976. Where do you live?—Fisher Street, Sandwich.

10,977. What money did you receive?—4*l.*

10,978. From whom?—One from Coleman and 3*l.* from Wybourne.

10,979. What was the 1*l.* for?—I suppose it was for voting.

10,980. What was the other for?—For the same purpose, I suppose.

10,981. And how did you vote, Liberal or Conservative?—Liberal.

10,982. Did you receive anything else?—No.

10,983. That is all you got?—Yes, that is all.

W. Burton.

WILLIAM BURTON sworn and examined.

10,984. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fireman.

10,985. Where do you live?—Sandwich.

10,986. What money did you receive?—None at all.

10,987. Nothing at all?—No.

10,988. From nobody?—Nobody, nor yet offered none.

10,989. Did you vote?—Yes.

10,990. Do you mean to say nobody asked you to vote?—I was asked to vote.

10,991. Who by?—Mr. Coleman, and I did vote.

10,992. You were asked by Mr. Coleman to vote; did he promise you anything if you would vote?—All he said

was it would be all right when the election was over; nothing more than that.

10,993. And you were to vote for whom?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.

10,994. And have you had anything?—Nothing at all.

10,995. I suppose you expected something?—Well, I do not know about that; I expected something, but got deceived.

10,996. (*Mr. Holl.*) When you voted you expected something?—Well, I do not know; I have got a free voice. I have an opinion as well as any other gentlemen.

10,997. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You would have been pleased to have got something, and not much surprised?—Oh, no.

[Adjourned for a short time.]

WILLIAM JARVIS sworn and examined.

W. Jarvis.

- 10,998. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A milkman.
 10,999. Where do you live?—High Street, Upper Walmer.
 11,000. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 11,001. From whom?—Mr. William Bushell.
 11,002. What for?—For my vote.
 11,003. For which side?—For Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 11,004. Did you vote?—Yes.
 11,005. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—No.

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JOSEPH MINTER sworn and examined.

J. Minter.

- 11,006. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A plasterer.
 11,007. Where do you live?—Belmont Place, Upper Walmer.
 11,008. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Bushell.
 11,009. To vote for the Conservative?—Yes.
 11,010. Did you receive anything else?—No.

WILLIAM BEAN sworn and examined.

W. Bean.

- 11,011. Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 11,012. What are you?—A labourer.
 11,013. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 11,014. From whom?—Mr. Wise.
 11,015. What was that for?—For voting.
 11,016. To vote for whom?—Mr. Roberts.
 11,017. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 11,018. Did you vote?—Yes.

WILLIAM NEWING sworn and examined.

W. Newing.

- 11,019. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 11,020. Where do you live?—No. 4, Mill Road.
 11,021. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 11,022. Who from?—Mr. Bales.
 11,023. To vote for whom?—Mr. Roberts.
 11,024. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JAMES ATKINS sworn and examined.

J. Atkins.

- 11,025. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gardener.
 11,026. Where do you live?—I live at 32, Duke Street, Deal.
 11,027. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 11,028. From whom?—From Mr. Denne, the builder.
 11,029. Who was that to vote for?—Mr. Roberts.
 11,030. Did you vote?—Yes.
 11,031. Have you had anything else from anybody?—No.

GEORGE DRIVER sworn and examined.

G. Driver.

- 11,032. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 11,033. Where do you live?—3, Blenheim Road.
 11,034. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 11,035. From whom?—Mr. Bales.
 11,036. To vote for Mr. Roberts?—I voted for Mr. Roberts.
 11,037. The 3*l.* was for that, was it not?—I suppose so.
 11,038. Have you had anything else from anybody?—No.

WILLIAM DRURY sworn and examined.

W. Drury.

- 11,039. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 11,040. Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 11,041. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 11,042. From whom?—Mr. Bales.
 11,043. To vote for Mr. Roberts?—Yes.
 11,044. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—No.
 11,045. Did you vote?—Yes.

JOSEPH JOSHUA TINLEY sworn and examined.

J. J. Tinley.

- 11,046. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A blacksmith.
 11,047. And you live in the Strand?—4, Strand, Lower Walmer.
 11,048. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 11,049. To vote for Mr. Roberts?—Yes, from Mr. George Denne, and I did so.
 11,050. You received afterwards another sum of 3*l.*?—Only to take it to another party.
 11,051. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who was that to? (*Mr. Turner.*) Edward Thomas Pain.
 11,052. Did you give it to him?—Yes.
 11,053. Did you receive anything else for yourself?—No, sir, from no party.

WILLIAM CURLING sworn and examined.

W. Curling.

- 11,054. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 11,055. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 11,056. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 11,057. From whom?—From Mr. Wood.
 11,058. What was that for?—For my vote.
 11,059. For whom?—Mr. Roberts.
 11,060. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—No, nothing.

THOMAS JOHN SPAIN sworn and examined.

T. J. Spain.

- 11,061. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a labourer at present.
 11,062. Where do you live?—Campbell Street, Lower Walmer.
 11,063. I believe you received 3*l.*?—Yes.
 11,064. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Bales.
 11,065. Who was that to vote for?—There was no mention about voting. I got it three days after the election.
 11,066. You had heard something about it before the election, had you not?—No, nothing.
 11,067. Nothing was said to you before the election?—No. Mr. Bales asked me whether I was going to vote. I told him, yes. He said, "Who for?" I said, "Conservative." He said, "Thank you," and went away. I saw no more of him until three days after the election. He came and made me a present of 3*l.*
 11,068. You knew that that had reference to your vote?—No, I did not.
 11,069. What did you think he made you a present for, for nothing at all?—I did not know and did not care. When once I got the money I put it in my pocket and went away.
 11,070. Was there anything else but your vote that he could make you a present for?—It was only a present, I suppose.
 11,071. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did he give you a present at any other time?—No, I wish he had.
 11,072. (*Mr. Holl.*) You took the 3*l.*?—Yes.

H. Mead.

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HORATIO MEAD sworn and examined.

11,073. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—4, Victoria Cottages, Middle Deal.
11,074. What are you?—I am no occupation whatever.
11,075. What did you have at the election?—I had 3*l.* given to me.
11,076. From whom?—From Mr. Wise.
11,077. Was that for your vote?—I did not ask for it. It was laid on my table.

11,078. When, after the election?—No, before the election. Six half sovereigns were rolled up in a piece of paper, and was laid on my table. I voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

11,079. The 3*l.* was for your vote?—It was laid on my table.

11,080. You thought it was for your vote at any rate?—Yes, I did.

J. Hambrook.

JOHN HAMBROOK sworn and examined.

11,081. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—32, Gladstone Road.
11,082. What are you?—A painter.
11,083. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,084. From whom?—From Mr. Henry Pearson.

11,085. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

11,086. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing.

P. Claringbold.

PHILIP CLARINGBOLD sworn and examined.

11,087. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—York Street, Lower Walmer.
11,088. What are you?—A fisherman.
11,089. What did you get?—3*l.*

11,090. From whom?—Mr. Henry Pearson.

11,091. Was that for your vote?—I expect so.

11,092. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else at all.

R. Jordan.

RICHARD JORDAN sworn and examined.

11,093. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Cemetery Road.
11,094. What are you?—A fishmonger.
11,095. What did you get?—3*l.*
11,096. From whom?—Mr. Wood of Upper Deal.

11,097. That was for your vote, was it not?—It came in handy.

11,098. I daresay it did, but it was for your vote, was it not; that is what I asked you?—It was for the vote.

11,199. Did you receive anything else?—No.

D. Whitnall.

DANIEL WHITNALL sworn and examined.

11,100. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
11,101. What are you?—A brickmaker.
11,102. Are you a brickmaker on your own account?—No, I work for Mr. Denne. I have worked for him for this 20 years.
11,103. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,104. From whom?—Mr. Bales, Mr. Denne's clerk.

11,105. That was for your vote, was it not?—I suppose so. It is no use saying it was not. I should not have had it if it was not.

11,106. Is that all you got?—I got 5*s.* for putting up a flagpole.

11,107. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

W. Wratten.

WILLIAM WRATTEN sworn and examined.

11,108. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—32, West Street.
11,109. What are you?—A labourer.
11,110. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,111. From whom?—Mr. Mackie.

11,112. That was for your vote was it not?—Well, I suppose it was.

11,113. Was there anything else?—Nothing else.

J. Friend.

JOHN FRIEND sworn and examined.

11,114. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
11,115. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
11,116. What did you get?—3*l.*

11,117. From whom?—Mr. Wood.

11,118. For your vote, I suppose?—Well, I suppose, that is what it was for.

11,119. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

H. Swain.

HERBERT SWAIN sworn and examined.

11,120. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Strand, Walmer.
11,121. What are you?—A corporal in the Royal Marines.
11,122. Are you retired or are you on service now?—On service now.
11,123. How came you to have a vote?—I am a householder.

11,124. Do you not live in the barracks?—No. My duty is in the barracks, but I live in the borough.

11,125. What did you have at the election?—3*l.*

11,126. From whom?—Mr. Philps of the "Rising Sun."

11,127. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

11,128. Did you get anything else?—No.

T. Erridge.

THOMAS ERRIDGE sworn and examined.

11,129. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—123, Middle Street, North End, Deal.
11,130. Are you a Marine Store Dealer?—Yes.
11,131. You see, I know who you are. What did you get?—5*l.*

11,132. Who from Mr. Ramell, the grocer.

11,133. What was that for?—For the vote.

11,134. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

D. Williams.

DANIEL WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

11,135. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—4, Blenheim Road.
11,136. What are you?—A labourer.
11,137. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,138. From whom?—Mr. Bales.

11,139. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

11,140. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

WILLIAM BROWN sworn and examined.

W. Brown.

- 11,141. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 11,142. What are you?—A farm labourer.
 11,143. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,144. Who from?—Mr. Benjamin Wood, Upper Deal.
 11,145. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 11,146. I think so. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

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RICHARD GOLDSACK sworn and examined.

R. Goldsack.

- 11,147. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 11,148. What is your occupation?—A carpenter.
 11,149. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,150. From whom?—Mr. Wood.
 11,151. That was for your vote was it not?—Yes.
 11,152. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing.

JOHN HOLLIDAY sworn and examined.

J. Holliday.

- 11,153. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.
 11,154. What are you?—I am a labourer.
 11,155. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,156. Who from?—Mr. Bushell.
 11,157. Mr. Bushell of Belmont?—Yes.
 11,158. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 11,159. Did you get anything else?—No.

ALFRED CURLING sworn and examined.

A. Curling.

- 11,160. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 11,161. What are you?—A gardener.
 11,162. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,163. Who from?—Mr. Mackie.
 11,164. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 11,165. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

JOHN BUSHELL sworn and examined.

J. Bushell.

- 11,166. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 2, Sandhurst Place.
 11,167. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 11,168. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,169. Who from?—Mr. Mackie.
 11,170. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 11,171. Did you receive anything else?—No.

THOMAS HAWKES sworn and examined.

T. Hawkes.

- 11,172. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Pope's Hole, Upper Deal.
 11,173. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 11,174. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,175. Who from?—Mr. Benjamin Wood.
 11,176. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 11,177. Anything else?—No.

JOHN CUSHNEY sworn and examined.

J. Cushney.

- 11,178. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Walmer Road.
 11,179. What is your occupation?—A channel pilot.
 11,180. What did you get?—3*l*.
 11,181. Who from?—Mr. Henry Pearson.
 11,182. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 11,183. Anything else?—No.

EDMUND HENRY SPAIN sworn and examined.

E. H. Spain.

- 11,184. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 7, Castle Row.
 11,185. What did you get?—3*l*.
 11,186. Who from?—Mr. Bales.
 11,187. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.
 11,188. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

GEORGE POTT sworn and examined.

G. Pott.

- 11,189. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—2, Landport Cottages.
 11,190. What are you?—A gardener.
 11,191. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,192. Who from?—Mr. Mackie.
 11,193. For your vote?—I suppose so. I may as well say so as not.
 11,194. Is that all you got?—That is all.

GILHAM THOMPSON sworn and examined.

G. Thompson.

- 11,195. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—53, West Street.
 11,196. What are you?—A labourer.
 11,197. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,198. Who from?—Mr. Wise, Middle Deal.
 11,199. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 11,200. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

GEORGE BISHOP sworn and examined.

G. Bishop.

- 11,201. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 5, Blenheim Road.
 11,202. What is your occupation?—A bricklayer.
 11,203. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,204. Who from?—Mr. Horne.
 11,205. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I expect it was.
 11,206. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

JOHN TAYLOR sworn and examined.

J. Taylor.

- 11,207. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—1, Kent Terrace, Upper Deal.
 11,208. What are you?—A labourer.
 11,209. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,210. Who from?—Mr. Benjamin Wood.
 11,211. That was for your vote, I suppose, was it not?—I suppose so.
 11,212. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

WILLIAM SIMMONS sworn and examined.

W. Simmons.

- 11,213. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 11,214. Are you a labourer?—Yes.
 11,215. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.
 11,216. Who from?—Mr. Benjamin Wood.
 11,217. That was for your vote, I suppose, was it not?—Yes.
 11,218. Did you get anything else?—No.

E. Chandler.

ELGAR CHANDLER sworn and examined.

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11,219. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Mill Road, Upper Deal.

11,220. What is your occupation?—A carrier.

11,221. What did you get?—3*l*.

11,222. Who from?—Mr. Benjamin Wood.

11,223. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes. The paper was sent for my father, who is not able to walk down here.

11,224. Did you receive anything else?—I was driving a horse and carriage, and I got 3*l*. for that.

11,225. Your own horse?—No, one of Mr. Old's horses.

11,226. Who employed you to do that?—Mr. Olds.

11,227. You got 3*l*. for the day?—Yes.

11,228. Is that your usual charge?—I never had a charge before like it, not on such an occasion.

11,229. What is your father's Christian name?—James Chandler.

11,230. Is that all you got?—Yes.

11,231. (*Mr. Holl.*) Your father cannot come?—No, he is not able to.

11,232. Is he lame?—He cannot walk.

11,233. Did he authorise you to appear for him?—Yes.

11,234. Did he receive anything as well as you?—3*l*.11,235. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You can tell your father that he need not come. We shall understand that he received 3*l*.*D. Leach.*

DANIEL LEACH sworn and examined.

11,236. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

11,237. What are you?—A labourer.

11,238. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,239. Who from?—Mr. William Bushell, Belmont.

11,240. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

11,241. Did you get anything else?—No.

J. Bishop.

JOHN BISHOP recalled and further examined.

11,242. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

11,243. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,244. What did you get?—3*l*. from Mr. Wood.

11,245. Did you get anything from anybody else?—No more than what I told you I received the other day when I was here.

11,246. What is that; I have forgotten?—The 1*l* from Mr. Outwin.11,247. (*Mr. Holl.*) That you distributed?—Yes.

11,248. That you told us of?—Yes, and I told you of Mr. Wood's at the same time.

11,249. (*Mr. Turner.*) Then you have been called before?—Once before.

11,250. You received nothing else but that?—No.

R. Crickett.

RICHARD CRICKETT sworn and examined.

11,251. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—11, Water Street, Deal.

11,252. What is your occupation?—A chimney sweep.

11,253. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,254. Who from?—Mr. Mackie.

11,255. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

11,256. Did you receive anything else?—No.

G. Bayly.

GEORGE BAYLY sworn and examined.

11,257. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

11,258. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,259. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,260. Who from?—Mr. Benjamin Wood.

11,261. That was for your vote, was it not?—Yes.

11,262. Did you get anything more?—No.

S. Heile.

STEPHEN HOILE sworn and examined.

11,263. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

11,264. Are you a labourer?—A labourer.

11,265. What did you get at the election?—3*l*. off Mr. Benjamin Wood.

11,266. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

11,267. Did you get anything more from anybody?—No.

J. Gilham.

JAMES GILHAM sworn and examined.

11,268. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

11,269. What is your occupation?—A gardener.

11,270. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,271. From whom?—Mr. Bushell, Belmont.

11,272. That was for your own vote, I suppose, was it not?—Yes, I suppose so.

11,273. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing.

J. Taylor.

JOHN TAYLOR sworn and examined.

11,274. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Robert Street.

11,275. What are you?—A labourer.

11,276. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,277. Who from?—Off Mr. Wise, Middle Deal.

11,278. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

11,279. Did you get anything else?—No.

W. Holton.

WILLIAM HOLTON sworn and examined.

11,280. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What are you?—A servant.

11,281. Who to?—To Mr. Banks, Upper Deal.

11,282. What sort of a servant are you, an in-door servant?—In the stable.

11,283. I suppose you live in the house?—No, I do not; I live in Upper Deal.

11,284. What did you get at the election?—I got 3*l*. some days afterwards.

11,285. Who from?—Mr. Wood.

11,286. Did you talk to him about it before the

election?—He came and solicited me for my vote, and I said I should not make any promise at the time.

11,287. He asked you to promise him your vote?—Yes.

11,288. I suppose he told you he would remember you, or something of that sort?—He told me 3 or 2; he did not say 3*l*. or 2*l*., or anything else.11,289. And after the election he gave you 3*l*.?—Yes, 13 days after the election.

11,290. Is that all you had?—That is all I had.

WILLIAM BURNAP sworn and examined.

W. Burnap.

11,291. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—42, Duke Street.

11,292. What are you?—A mason.

11,293. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,294. Who from?—Mr. Bales.

11,295. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I expect so.

11,296. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

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JOHN MAXFIELD sworn and examined.

J. Maxfield.

11,297. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

11,298. What are you?—A groom and gardener.

11,299. Are you in anybody's employment, or a jobbing gardener?—In Mr. Deune's employment.

11,300. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,301. Who from?—Mr. Bushell.

11,302. Mr. Bushell of Belmont?—Yes.

11,303. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I expect so.

11,304. Did you get anything else?—No.

GEORGE FARRIER sworn and examined.

G. Farrier.

11,305. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—3, Kent Terrace, Upper Deal.

11,306. What are you?—A labourer.

11,307. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,308. Who from?—Mr. Benjamin Wood.

11,309. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

11,310. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.

11,311. What?—4*l*.

11,312. Who was that from?—I cannot tell you.

11,313. How did you get it?—It was delivered to me; I suppose it was through Mr. Outwin.

11,314. Who delivered it to you?—Simpson.

11,315. Who is Mr. Simpson? What is his Christian name?—G. Simpson.

11,316. Where does he live?—Grove Terrace.

11,317. (*Mr. Holl.*) Is that in Deal or Walmer?—Deal.11,318. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did he give you that 4*l*. before or after the election?—Before.

11,319. You got both sums, I suppose, for your vote?—Yes.

11,320. Which way did you vote?—For the Conservative.

11,321. Did they pay you first?—Yes.

11,322. Was that how it was?—I suppose so.

15,323. Is that all you got?—Yes.

11,324. You are quite sure it was Mr. G. Simpson?—Yes.

THOMAS VALE sworn and examined.

T. Vale.

11,325. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Church Street, Upper Walmer.

11,326. What is your occupation?—A bricklayer.

11,327. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,328. From whom?—Mr. William Bushell of Belmont.

11,329. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

11,330. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

GEORGE ELLIOTT sworn and examined.

G. Elliott.

11,331. *Mr. Jeune.* Where do you live?—Lower Walmer.

11,332. What are you?—A waterman.

11,333. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,334. Who from?—Mr. Henry Pearson.

11,335. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

11,336. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

11,337. Nothing else at all?—No.

ROBERT HUGHES sworn and examined.

R. Hughes.

11,338. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—7, Gravel Walk.

11,339. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,340. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,341. Who from?—Mr. Bales.

11,342. Did you receive anything more?—4*l*.

11,343. Who was that from?—Mr. William Norris.

11,344. You had 3*l*. from one and 4*l*. from the other?—Yes.

11,345. I suppose both payments were for your vote, were they not?—I expect so.

11,346. Which side did you honour with your vote after all?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.

11,347. Why did you vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid rather than for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Because I had the biggest lump, I suppose.

11,348. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

MARTIN NEWSAIN sworn and examined.

M. Newsain.

11,349. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—4, Silver Street, Deal.

11,350. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,351. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,352. Who from?—From Mr. Wise.

11,353. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

11,354. Did you get anything more?—No.

WILLIAM WHITNALL sworn and examined.

W. Whitnall.

11,355. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Cemetery Road.

11,356. What are you?—A labourer.

11,357. What did you get?—3*l*.

11,358. Who from?—Mr. Bales.

11,359. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

11,360. Did you get anything more?—4*l*. from Mr. Pott, Lower Walmer.

11,361. Which way did you vote?—For Mr. Crompton Roberts.

11,362. That was the side that gave you the 3*l*., was it not?—Yes.

11,363. Why did you vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts rather than for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—I do not know. I thought it was the way I should like to vote.

11,364. You cannot give me any reason?—No, not in particular.

11,365. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

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W. T. Tandy.

WILLIAM THOMAS TANDY sworn and examined.

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- 11,366. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 26, Union Street.
 11,367. What is your occupation? A labourer.
 11,368. What did you get?—3*l.*
 11,369. Who did you get the 3*l.* from?—Mr. Wise.
 11,370. Is that all you got?—No.
 11,371. What else did you get?—I got 3*l.*, but I did not know what it was until I got along the street. Mr. Wise gave me 3*l.* for my vote. Mr. Joseph Brown came along Lower Street, and said, "Have you had a vote, 'Billy'?" I said, "Yes." He gave me some money; I went to the station to go to Canterbury, and when I got to the train to go to Canterbury I opened the paper and found it contained three sovereigns.
 11,372. Which way did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 11,373. Is that the way you got the first 3*l.*?—Yes.
 11,374. So the last 3*l.* had no effect at all?—No, I did not know what it was.
 11,375. You knew what it was when you got it?—When I got it I did; and of course when I got to the train to go to Canterbury I could not run back and give it to Mr. Brown.
 11,376. Is that all you got?—That is all.

T. Mockett.

THOMAS MOCKETT sworn and examined.

- 11,377. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 11,378. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 11,379. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 11,380. Who from?—Mr. Wood.
 11,381. Anything more?—Nothing more.
 11,382. 3*l.* was for your vote, was it not?—I expect so.

J. Andrews.

JOHN ANDREWS sworn and examined.

- 11,383. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You live at 15, Blenheim Road, I believe?—Yes.
 11,384. What are you?—I was employed in painting, but I have done work now; I am too old.
 11,385. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 11,386. From whom?—Mr. Horne.
 11,387. Who was that to vote for?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 11,388. Is that all you got?—That is all.

W. Jeffery.

WILLIAM JEFFERY sworn and examined.

- 11,389. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—8, Custom House Lane.
 11,390. What are you?—A greengrocer.
 11,391. Have you got a shop?—Yes.
 11,392. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 11,393. Who was that from?—Mr. Mackie.
 11,394. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 11,395. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

G. Polman.

GEORGE POLMAN sworn and examined.

- 11,396. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What are you?—A tailor.
 11,397. Where do you live?—Rope Walk, Gladstone Road, Lower Walmer.
 11,398. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 11,399. Who from?—Mr. Philips.
 11,400. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 11,401. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

W. Goddard.

WILLIAM GODDARD sworn and examined.

- 11,402. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—High Street.
 11,403. What are you?—A carter.
 11,404. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 11,405. Who from?—Mr. William Bushell.
 11,406. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 11,407. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

W. Friend.

WILLIAM FRIEND sworn and examined.

- 11,408. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—2, Ark Lane.
 11,409. What are you?—A labourer.
 11,410. What did you get?—3*l.*
 11,411. Who from?—Mr. Mackie.
 11,412. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 11,413. Did you get anything else?—No.
 11,414. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did not you get anything from Mr. Wise?—No.

J. Rigden.

JOHN RIGDEN sworn and examined.

- 11,415. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—13, Grove Terrace.
 11,416. What is your occupation?—A gardener.
 11,417. Are you in anybody's employment, or are you working for yourself?—For Earl Granville.
 11,418. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 11,419. Who from?—Mr. Ralph, the landlord of the "Forester."
 11,420. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.
 11,421. Did you get anything else?—No.

W. Hobday.

WILLIAM HOBDAY sworn and examined.

- 11,422. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 22, Farrier Street.
 11,423. What are you?—A market gardener.
 11,424. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 11,425. Who from?—Mr. Wilds.
 11,426. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 11,427. Did you get anything else?—No.

W. Tyler.

WILLIAM TYLER sworn and examined.

- 11,428. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—17, Park Street, Deal.
 11,429. What is your occupation?—A tailor.
 11,430. Have you got a shop, or do you work for somebody else?—I work on my own account. I have no shop.
 11,431. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 11,432. Who from?—Mr. William Bushell, Belmont.
 11,433. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 11,434. Is that all you got?—That is all.

JOSEPH GODDARD sworn and examined.

*J. Goddard.*11,435. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Deal.

11,438. Who from?—Mr. Wise.

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11,436. What is your occupation?—A farm labourer.

11,439. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

11,437. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,440. That is all you got?—Yes.

RICHARD LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

*R. Lawrence.*11,441. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—6, Exchange Street.

11,445. You got it from both sides?—Yes.

11,442. What is your occupation?—A sawyer.

11,446. Which way did you vote?—For Mr. Roberts.

11,443. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* off Mr. Hayman.

11,447. Why?—Because I had his first.

11,444. Did you get anything from anybody else?—Yes, 3*l.* off Mr. Millen in the afternoon.

11,448. Is that all you got?—That is all.

JAMES SPINNER sworn and examined.

*J. Spinner.*11,449. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

11,452. Who from?—Mr. William Bushell, Belmont.

11,450. What are you?—A labourer.

11,453. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

11,451. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,454. Did you get anything else?—No.

RICHARD GAMBRILL sworn and examined.

*R. Gambrill.*11,455. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Paradise Lane, Sandwich.11,459. Did he promise you any more?—No. I got 1*l.* for the watch.

11,456. What is your occupation?—A farm labourer.

11,460. You got 1*l.* for watching and 2*l.* for your vote?11,457. What did you get at the election?—2*l.*

—Yes.

11,458. Who from?—Mr. Coleman.

11,461. Did you get anything else?—No.

THOMAS ELSDEN sworn and examined.

*T. Elsdén.*11,462. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 2, Grove Place, Lower Walmer.

11,465. Who from?—Mr. William Bushell.

11,463. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,466. That 3*l.* was for your vote?—I suppose it was.11,464. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,467. Did you get anything from anybody else?—No.

RICHARD MORRIS sworn and examined.

*J. Morris.*11,468. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—West Street.

11,472. Both those payments were for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

11,469. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,473. Which way did you vote?—For Mr. Roberts.

11,470. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* from Mr. Bales.

11,474. Why did you vote for Mr. Roberts?—I do not know I am sure, because I received it first.

11,471. Did you get anything from anybody else?—4*l.* from Mr. William Norris.

JAMES THOMAS BAKER sworn and examined.

*J. T. Baker.*11,475. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—20, Strand, Lower Walmer.

11,479. Who from?—Mr. Trigg, the bootmaker.

11,476. What are you?—A baker and confectioner.

11,480. Did you get anything else besides the 5*l.* from Mr. Trigg?—No.

11,477. Have you got a shop?—Yes.

11,481. The 5*l.* was for your vote of course?—Yes.11,478. What did you get at the election?—5*l.*

EDWARD BERWICK sworn and examined.

*E. Berwick.*11,482. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Duke Street.

11,485. From whom?—Mr. Mackie.

11,483. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,486. Did you get anything else?—No.

11,484. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*11,487. The 3*l.* was for your vote, I suppose, was it not?—Yes.

JOHN BEDWELL sworn and examined.

*J. Bedwell.*11,488. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Deal.

11,491. Who from?—Mr. Wise.

11,489. What are you?—A farmer.

11,492. Did you get anything else from anybody?—No.

11,490. What did you get?—3*l.*11,493. That 3*l.* was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

HENRY DREW sworn and examined.

*H. Drew.*11,494. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

11,497. Who from?—Mr. Bushell of Belmont.

11,495. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,498. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

11,496. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,499. Did you get anything else?—No.

HENRY WALKER sworn and examined.

*H. Walker.*11,500. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

11,503. Who from?—Mr. Benjamin Wood.

11,501. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,504. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

11,502. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,505. Did you get anything else?—No.

W. B.
Lawrence.

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WILLIAM BOWLING LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

11,506. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 8, Jew's-Harp Alley.
11,507. What are you?—A sawyer.
11,508. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* from Mr. Hayman.
11,509. Did you get anything more?—Yes; 3*l.* from Mr. Millen.

11,510. Both these sums, I suppose, were for your vote?—Yes.

11,511. Which side did you vote for?—Mr. Roberts.

11,512. Why?—I had his money first.

11,513. That is all you had, I suppose?—That is all.

J. Smith.

JOHN SMITH sworn and examined.

11,514. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—28, Middle Street.
11,515. What is your occupation?—A shoemaker.
11,516. What did you get?—3*l.*

11,517. From whom?—Mr. Mackie.

11,518. Is that all you got?—That is all.

11,519. That was for your vote, I suppose?—That is all.

W. L. Friend.

WILLIAM LANGLEY FRIEND sworn and examined.

11,520. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Wellington Road.
11,521. What is your occupation?—A bricklayer.
11,522. What did you get?—7*l.*
11,523. Who did you get it from?—3*l.* from Mr. Wise and 4*l.* from Mr. Norris. I went to Mr. Norris the next day and told him to take it back, but he told me to keep it.

11,524. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Norris gave me the 4*l.*, and I took that back to him; at least, I went back, told him what I had done, and asked him what I should do, he said, "I do not want it back. Does anybody know it?" I said, "No." Then he said, "Keep it; if you do not have it somebody else will, so you may as well have it."

11,525. The first sum was for your vote, of course?—Yes.

11,526. That was all you had?—That was all.

R. Brett.

ROBERT BRETT sworn and examined.

11,527. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—York Road, 1, Wellington Place, Lower Walmer.
11,528. What is your occupation?—A servant.
11,529. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* for my expenses coming from London and returning.
11,530. From whom did you get it?—Mr. Pearson.
11,531. Did you get anything more?—No.
11,532. Was that for your vote?—No, for my expenses coming from London and returning. I was sent for.
11,533. You were sent for from London?—Yes.
11,534. Who sent for you?—The Liberal committee.
11,535. Did they tell you what they would give you if you came?—No, nothing was mentioned whatever.
11,536. Nothing was said about it at all?—No.
11,537. Did you get the 3*l.* before you voted or after?—After; the next day, before I returned to London.
11,538. Did you get a letter from them?—Yes.
11,539. What did the letter say?—Merely that if I liked to come down my expenses would be paid. I applied for that.
11,540. Nothing more at all?—No.
11,541. You came down and voted, and the next day you applied for your expenses?—Yes.
11,542. What were your actual expenses; there was your return ticket?—My return ticket, second class, would be 15*s.*, and then 10*s.* each day I charged.
11,543. What would that be for?—That was for my extra expenses.
11,544. That makes 1*l.* 15*s.*, and you got 3*l.*?—3*l.* was what the committee allowed me for my expenses.
11,545. You got more than your expenses, did you not?—A little more; that was for loss of time.
11,546. Did anybody say anything to you when you came down; did anybody canvass you for your vote when you came down?—No. I went straight to the committee, and went and voted.

11,547. Who did you see at the committee room?—Only Mr. Rose.

11,548. Did you talk to him about your vote?—No; nothing more than I went and voted.

11,549. You saw Mr. Rose before you voted?—Yes.

11,550. Did you not have a talk with him?—No; nothing more than he said, "You can go and vote."

11,551. Did he say anything to you about your expenses being paid?—He told me by letter that my expenses would be paid if I came down.

11,552. When you saw him did he say anything to you about your expenses?—No, nothing at all.

11,553. You got more than your expenses?—A very little more.

11,554. Getting on for twice as much. Before you voted, had you any sort or kind of promise made to you?—No.

11,555. Nothing at all?—No.

11,556. If you had got your bare expenses, that would be all you expected?—I should expect a little more for coming down to oblige them.

11,557. What led you to expect it, was it merely your own idea that you would get something more, or did anybody suggest to you that you would?—No, not at all.

11,558. We think that you have kept within bounds, and you will not be considered as having been bribed, because it stands in this way, if anybody before the election is promised anything more than his bare expenses, that is to say, anything for loss of time, or for work, that is a bribe; but as you were promised nothing whatever before, beyond the bare expenses, we shall not consider you as having been bribed?—Nothing at all was promised before, I will take my bible oath.

11,559. If you only got what you had any right to expect, we do not consider that you were bribed; so you will not want a certificate?—I am obliged to you.

W. P. Brown.

WALTER PENFIELD BROWN sworn and examined.

11,560. (*Mr. Holl.*) Are you the son of Mr. Brown who was here this morning?—Yes.

11,561. I understand that you have come, in consequence of having received a letter from your father, in respect to his charge for making out the canvass books, from where you were?—Yes, from Banstead, Surrey.

11,562. Have you seen the bill?—I should like to see it. I made out the bill.

11,563. Did you take the bill yourself?—Yes, I took the bill myself.

11,564. After that, did you ever receive any intimation from Mr. Edwards, or from anybody in his office, that it had been, or would be altered?—No.

11,565. Did you hear anything about its having been altered, until your father wrote to you the day before yesterday?—Not a word, till I heard from my father.

11,566. Look at that bill (*handing same*), and tell me whether that is the bill you sent in; of course apart from the alteration?—Yes, that is the bill.

11,567. (*Mr. Turner.*) You see it is for 14*l.*?—Yes, it is for 14*l.*, and I sent in the bill for 4*l.*

11,568. (*Mr. Holl.*) You never did receive, and never have until your father wrote to you, any intimation whatever that the bill had been increased, or altered in any way?—No intimation whatever.

11,569. Or that you would be paid more than the 4*l.*?—No.

ROBERT RAMMELL LOWNDS sworn and examined.

R. R. Lowndes.

11,570. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—No. 9, Robert Street.

11,571. What are you?—A tailor.

11,572. How much did you receive?—14*l.*

11,573. Who was that from?—Mr. Cornwell.

11,574. What were you to do with that?—To pay it to voters.

11,575. Was it given to you for that purpose by Mr. Cornwell?—Mr. Cornwell gave me the money, but did not ask any questions. Mr. Edwards told me to go to Mr. Cornwell for the money.

11,576. Did you ask Mr. Cornwell for the money?—He knew what I came for, and handed over the money without asking any questions.

11,577. Did you say nothing?—No; merely that I had come for the money.

11,578. What money?—That I had come from Mr. Edwards.

11,579. For some money?—Yes.

11,580. Did you say how much?—No; he knew how much.

11,581. Did you tell him what it was for?—No.

11,582. However, you got 14*l.* from Mr. Cornwell?—Yes.

11,583. Did he tell you what to do with it?—No.

11,584. Did anything take place between you, except your telling him that you had come for the money, and his giving you the 14*l.*?—No.

11,585. Nothing at all?—No.

11,586. What did you do with it?—Gave it to four voters, according to this list (*handing a paper*).

11,587. I see one had 5*l.*, and the other three 3*l.* each?—Yes.

11,588. Did you attend to the board boys?—Yes.

11,589. Did you distribute any of this money amongst any board boys?—No, Mr. Cornwell paid the board boys; I had nothing to do with that; paying them.

11,590. It is not correct, if it has been stated, that your account for 14*l.* was to pay the board boys?—No, I had nothing to do with paying them.

11,591. You did, I understand, look after the board boys?—Yes.

11,592. But you say you did not pay them?—No, Mr. Cornwell paid them himself.

11,593. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When you went to Mr. Cornwell, how did you know what sum to ask for?—I told Mr. Edwards what I wanted.

11,594. You told Mr. Edwards that you wanted 14*l.*?—Yes.

11,595. Did you tell him what it was for?—Yes.

11,596. You told him it was for voters?—Yes.

11,597. 14*l.* was the amount you mentioned to Mr. Edwards?—Yes.

11,598. And Mr. Edwards told you to get 14*l.* from Mr. Cornwell?—Yes.

11,599. And you went to Mr. Cornwell and said you wanted the money?—When I went to Mr. Cornwell, Mr. Edwards had seen him.

11,600. When you went there Mr. Cornwell knew that you wanted 14*l.*, and he gave you the 14*l.* at once?—Yes.

JOHN WILLIAM MACEY sworn and examined.

J. W. Macey.

11,601. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—West Street, No. 48.

11,602. What are you?—A labourer.

11,603. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,604. Who from?—Mr. Bales.

11,605. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

11,606. What else did you get?—Nothing.

FRANCIS ENGLAND sworn and examined.

F. England.

11,607. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What are you?—In the Royal Marines.

11,608. Are you a corporal or sergeant?—Sergeant.

11,609. Where do you live?—13, Blenheim Road.

11,610. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* from Mr. Horn to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

11,611. Is that all you received?—Yes.

11,612. What is that medal you wear?—Good conduct.

11,613. I am sorry that a man who has won such a medal should be willing to take money for a vote?—I did not take it for a vote.

ROBERT BATCHELL sworn and examined.

R. Batchell.

11,614. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—11, Water Street.

11,615. What are you?—A labourer.

11,616. What did you get?—3*l.*

11,617. Who from?—Mr. Wise.

11,618. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

11,619. What else did you get?—I got 5*l.* for a committee room.

11,620. Are you a publican?—Yes.

11,621. Who did you get that from?—I could not tell.

11,622. Who paid you that?—I do not know the man.

11,623. Did you not know his name?—No.

11,624. Was it Mr. Olds?—No.

11,625. How came you to get the money?—They paid my wife. I was at work.

11,626. Did you arrange with anyone to have 5*l.*?—No, they came and asked me for a room, and as I had got a spare room I let them have it.

11,627. Who came and asked you?—Mr. Olds and this other man.

11,628. The money was paid to your wife?—Yes.

11,629. Was that all you got?—Yes.

DANIEL ROGERS sworn and examined.

D. Rogers.

11,630. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Street, Deal.

11,631. What are you?—A labourer.

11,632. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,633. Who from?—Mr. Wise.

11,634. Was that all you got?—Yes.

JOSEPH SMITH sworn and examined.

J. Smith.

11,635. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—14, Nelson Street.

11,636. What are you?—A shoemaker.

11,637. What did you get?—3*l.*

11,638. Who from?—Mr. William Mackie.

11,639. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

11,640. Did you get anything more?—No.

HENRY WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

H. Williams.

11,641. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

11,642. What is your occupation?—A stone Sawyer.

11,643. How much did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,644. Who from?—William Bushell.

11,645. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

11,646. Did you get anything else?—No.

J. Simmons.

JAMES SIMMONS sworn and examined.

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11,647. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Church Street, Walmer.
 11,648. What is your occupation?—A gardener.
 11,649. What did you get?—3*l.*
 11,650. Who from?—Mr. Bushell.

11,651. Mr. Bushell of Belmont?—Yes.
 11,652. Did you get anything else?—No.
 11,653. That 3*l.* was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

C. Collard.

CHARLES COLLARD sworn and examined.

11,654. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Lower Walmer.
 11,655. What are you?—Coal merchant or coal dealer, or something of that sort.
 11,656. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

11,657. From whom?—Mr. Philps.
 11,658. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I expect so.
 11,659. Did you get anything of anybody else?—No, I thought that was quite enough to pay my expenses.

A. Rogers.

ALEXANDER ROGERS sworn and examined.

11,660. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—178, Middle Street, Deal.
 11,661. What are you?—I am a chimney sweep.
 11,662. What did you get?—3*l.*
 11,663. From whom?—From Mr. Philps that keeps the "Sun," and I got robbed out of 30*s.*; that is straight.

11,664. The 3*l.* was for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.
 11,665. Did you have anything else?—I helped to put up a pole, and they robbed us out of the money.
 11,666. Did you get anything else?—No, not a penny, and I voted for Mr. Roberts, and that is the plain truth.

E. Foord.

ELDRED FOORD sworn and examined.

11,667. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—20, Oak Street.
 11,668. What is your business?—Shoemaker.
 11,669. What did you get at the last election?—3*l.*

11,670. From whom?—Mr. Mackie.
 11,671. That was for your vote?—I suppose so.
 11,672. Did you get anything else?—No.

R. Williams.

ROBERT WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

11,673. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—12, Peters Street.
 11,674. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 11,675. What did you get at the last election?—3*l.*
 11,676. Who from?—Mr. Wood.
 11,677. Is that all you got?—I had 2*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Ralph.

11,678. Were both those payments for your vote?—I suppose so.
 11,679. What Mr. Ralph was it?—I cannot tell you, because I do not know.
 11,680. Was that all you got?—Yes.

J.M. Mumbray.

JOHN MARSH MUMBRAY sworn and examined.

11,681. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 11, West Street.
 11,682. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 11,683. What did you get?—3*l.*
 11,684. Who from?—Mr. Bales.
 11,685. Is that all you got?—No; 3*l.* from Mr. Joseph Brown.

11,686. Is that from the Mr. Brown who has gone away?—Yes.
 11,687. I suppose both those payments were for your vote?—Yes, so far as I know.
 11,688. You got no more, I suppose?—No, that is all.

T. Hubbard.

THOMAS HUBBARD sworn and examined.

11,689. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.
 11,690. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 11,691. What did you get?—3*l.*

11,692. From whom?—William Bushell.
 11,693. Did you get anything more?—No.
 11,694. That was for your vote. I suppose?—Yes, for my vote for Mr. Roberts.

W. Brown.

WILLIAM BROWN sworn and examined.

11,695. (*Mr. Jenne.*) Where do you live?—High Street, Upper Walmer.
 11,696. What are you?—An engine-driver.
 11,697. What did you get?—7*l.*
 11,698. From whom?—3*l.* from Mr. William Bushell of Belmont, and 4*l.* from Mr. Cox, I believe it was, but I am not certain.

11,699. Both those payments were, I suppose, for your vote?—I believe Mr. Bushell gave me the 3*l.* as if it were for my vote, but Mr. Cox did not mention anything about it; he laid the 4*l.* upon the table and told me to pick it up, and he told me to do the best I could afterwards.

11,700. Is that all you got?—Yes, that is all I got.

E. F. Parsons.

EDWARD FREDERICK PARSONS sworn and examined.

11,701. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 3, Beach Street.
 11,702. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 11,703. What did you get?—3*l.*
 11,704. From whom?—Mr. Denne's clerk paid me the money.

11,705. That is Mr. Bales?—Yes.
 11,706. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.
 11,707. Did you get anything else?—No.

E. F. Long.

EDMUND FREDERICK LONG sworn and examined.

11,708. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.
 11,709. Where do you live?—Lawn Cottages, Deal.
 11,710. What did you get?—3*l.*

11,711. Who from?—Mr. Philps.
 11,712. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 11,713. Was that all you got?—Yes, that is all I had.

JOHN TERRY sworn and examined.

J. Terry.

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11,714. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 5, Millwall Place.

11,715. What is your occupation?—I am a bricklayer by trade. I have kept my house on for 16 years come next November, and I have had three voices upon the Conservative side.

11,716. What did you get at the election?—I went down at half-past 10 that morning and voted, and came back to Mr. Eastes, and I had 3*l*. I had a packet given me and I took it back and opened it in the house and I found there were 3*l*. in it; there is no use telling a lie about it—there it is.

11,717. Who gave you the money?—Mr. Eastes, after I voted; I gave my number in and I had it after I voted.

11,718. Had you been canvassing before?—No, I was at work here at Upper Walmer.

11,719. Did anybody ask you for your vote before?—I was offered 6*l*. upon the other side, but I would not accept it; and even if it had been 20*l*. I would not accept it.

11,720. Who offered you 6*l*.?—I am a volunteer—

11,721. I know you are, and if you answer the questions it will be an additional advantage to you. Who offered it to you?—I can tell you.

11,722. Who offered you the 6*l*.?—Mr. Coleman.

11,723. That you would not have?—I would not accept it.

11,724. Did anybody ask you for your vote at all?—I voted for Mr. Cox.

11,725. Did anybody ask you for your vote before you voted, besides Mr. Coleman?—Mr. Coleman says, "I want to see you, Jack; come up and have some supper along with me. I am a volunteer—"

11,726-27. I know?—Yes, you know, I daresay.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) Now listen to me; you are not in a fit condition to give evidence at all, and the result is that I shall not take any more of your evidence; you will go away now and come back at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, when I hope you will be able to give your evidence a little more intelligibly than you are trying to give it now. I will not hear anything more that you have got to say now.

JOHN DEVERRSON sworn and examined.

J. Deverson.

11,728. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Change Street, Sandwich.

11,729. What are you?—A carpenter.

11,730. What did you get at the last election?—2*l*.

11,731. From whom?—Mr. Coleman.

11,732. Was that for your vote?—I received it the following Saturday after the election. I suppose it was.

11,733. Did you talk to Mr. Coleman about it before?—We had a word or two together.

11,734. And you expected something?—He said as much, but I never expect anything before I get it.

11,735. Is that all you got?—Yes.

11,736. Is there any W. G. Pearson in Sandwich?—No, I do not know of any such name in Sandwich.

CHARLES MUMBRAY sworn and examined.

C. Mumbray.

11,737. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—14, Peters Street.

11,738. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,739. What did you get?—3*l*.

11,740. From whom?—From Mr. Wood.

11,741. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

11,742. Is that all you got?—I got 3*l*. more.

11,743. From whom?—I do not know who it was.

11,744. Try and think?—It was Mr. Joseph Brown.

11,745. You got paid on both sides?—Yes.

11,746. That is all you got?—Yes, that is all I got.

11,747. For whom did you vote?—For the blues.

11,748. Why?—Because I was always that way all my life.

11,749. You got paid on both sides, and voted blue?—Yes.

THOMAS BARWICK sworn and examined.

T. Barwick.

11,750. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Popes Hole.

11,751. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

11,752. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

11,753. From whom?—Mr. Wood.

11,754. Did you get anything more?—No.

11,755. That 3*l*. was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

TENTH DAY.

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JAMES BARBER EDWARDS recalled and further examined.

J.B. Edwards.

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(*The Witness.*) I should like to refer to my examination of yesterday, when I spoke of Mr. Hammond calling upon young Mr. Brown, about the alteration of the account. When I returned home Mr. Hammond was out, and I did not see him till the afternoon, and since then I have understood that young Mr. Brown has been here, and in answer to questions put to him, stated that Mr. Hammond had not informed him of such alteration. Mr. Hammond will attend here, and perhaps you will allow him to give his version of the matter. Might I refer, likewise, again, to the subject of my having said that it

was what Mr. Brown had been paid before; if that is in the shorthand writer's notes there must be some mistake somewhere, I never could have said it, because I never knew what Mr. Brown had been paid. If I did say it it was a mistake. I had on my mind the strike lists for which 10*l*. had always been paid. Mr. Lewis wrote in August to get vouchers and accounts, and to go up with them, and he would pay them, and I went, but he did not pay them. Mr. Brown was not told at the time, although it was no secret, and my clerks were aware of the circumstance.

WILLIAM HENRY HAMMOND sworn and examined.

W. H. Hammond.

11,756. (*Mr. Holl.*) Perhaps you will tell us what you know about this matter?—About the middle of August last Messrs. Lewis wrote to me afterwards, stating that they would meet him with a view to settle the accounts, and Mr. Edwards thought it would be better to be pre-

pared in the matter, and obtain vouchers from the different people. Receipts were prepared and I went round to the different parties to get the receipts signed by them, and I told them that if they trusted Mr. Edwards with the receipts the money would be forthcoming

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or the receipts returned to them. Mr. Edwards went to London, but could not make any arrangement with Messrs. Lewis as to the settlement of the accounts, and he brought the receipts back, and they were returned to the different parties. I went to Mr. Brown, junior, and obtained a receipt from him for 14*l.*, and I explained to him that Mr. Edwards had inserted something for his clerks' time in the account, and that was the reason for his giving a receipt for 14*l.* though the amount due to him was only 4*l.*, and he said he quite understood it.

11,757. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you show him the bill altered from 4*l.* to 14*l.*?—No.

11,758. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do I understand you to say that you explained to Mr. Brown, junior, that you had altered the bill?—That Mr. Edwards had inserted 10*l.* for his clerks' time. You must understand that his clerks were employed in making out these books some time previously, and Mr. Brown came in one morning and found out that they were making the books out, and Mr. Edwards spoke to him about the matter and Mr. Brown said, "I think I can make out the books better than your clerks, understanding the residences of the people better," upon which Mr. Edwards said, "Well, you had better take the matter in hand."

11,759. Do I understand you to say that then Mr. Brown, junior, signed a receipt for 14*l.*?—Yes, he did; and I explained the matter to him there.

11,760. You are sure of that?—Yes, quite certain.

11,761. Mr. Brown, junior, told us yesterday that he had never heard anything about this alteration from 10*l.* to 14*l.*?—Well, sir, I can assure you I did explain it, and since that time I have returned the receipt to his

father. These accounts were not settled by Messrs. Lewis, and one or two persons thought, as the matter had not been settled, it would be much better to have the receipts returned to them, and so about three weeks ago, or a fortnight, I returned all those receipts to the different parties who had entrusted me with them, and I returned the receipt which had been given by Mr. Brown, junior, to the father, John Marsh Brown.

11,762. To Mr. Brown himself?—Yes, to the father; not to the one who gave it to me.

11,763. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You say you gave the receipt which Mr. Brown, junior, signed, back to Mr. John Marsh Brown?—To the father, John Marsh Brown. It was signed by the son, Walter Penfield Brown.

11,764. The receipt was signed by the son?—Yes.

11,765. And given to you?—Yes, given to me by the son.

11,766. Did you give it back to the father?—Yes. I must explain that the receipt was obtained about the middle of August, because that is the time when I went round and got the receipts signed by the different parties, but it was not returned till nearly three weeks ago.

11,767. You say the receipt was returned to Mr. John Brown, senior, three weeks ago?—Yes, within a fortnight or three weeks ago.

11,768. (*Mr. Edwards.*) Mr. Brown, junior, had left Deal at that time, and that is the reason why it was returned to John Marsh Brown.

(*The Witness.*) Yes, when I went to return the receipt I saw the father—the son not being at home—he had gone away to take a school.

J. M. Brown.

JOHN MARSH BROWN recalled and further examined.

11,769. (*Mr. Holl.*) We are told that about three weeks ago you had returned to you a receipt that your son had given for 14*l.*?—Yes, a stamped receipt for 14*l.*

11,770. Is that so?—Yes.

11,771. A receipt for 14*l.* which your son had given?—It was my son's signature.

11,772. How was it you did not mention that to us before. I understood you to say that you knew nothing whatever in regard to this—not only that you did not know that the bill had been altered, but that you knew nothing about its being increased in any way?—My explanation is this—my son had been engaged as check clerk or something of that sort, and my impression was that this bill was for some other services. I intended to go up and visit him at Sutton, and if it had not been for this Commission I should have gone before, and I should have asked him what it meant. When he came down after he had given his evidence I said to him, "What does this mean, this 14*l.*," and he said, "Down at the office they told me that if I signed I should get my money, and that other charges were included in the bill," that is the first I knew of it.

11,773. How was it that you did not say anything to us about your son having signed a receipt for 14*l.*, and your having it returned?—I do not know.

11,774. You said nothing about it at all?—I had no particular reason. I did not know what it was for. I was entirely innocent of anything that had taken place, and I said to him last night, "Walter, a receipt was left at my house for 14*l.*, how was it you signed that receipt for 14*l.*?" and he said, "They told me at the office that other work had been done, and I should get my money if I receipted the bill for 14*l.*—that Sir Julian Goldsmid would not pay any bills without their being receipted."

11,775. (*Mr. Turner.*) Your son has left?—Yes, he was compelled to go last night, and I am only sorry he is not here, because I know nothing about it at all.

J. Tinley.

JOSHUA TINLEY sworn and examined.

11,783. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a retired blacksmith.

11,784. Where do you live?—Walmer Road, No. 3, York Street.

11,785. In this election did you receive any money?—Yes.

11,786. From whom?—Mr. George Denne.

11,787. How much?—3*l.*

11,788. Anything else?—No.

11,789. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so; I have always voted on the Conservative side.

11,790. There is nothing else that you received?—No, I received nothing from anyone else.

Mrs.

WARD sworn and examined.

Mrs. Ward.

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11,791. (*Mr. Turner.*) I believe you keep the "King's Arms," at Sandwich?—Yes.

11,792. Did you have 5*l.* for a room?—No.

11,793. Nothing?—Not a penny, and I have not yet received all my account.

11,794. Did you supply any refreshments?—Yes.

11,795. Upon whose order?—Mr. Coleman's.

11,796. What was the amount you supplied?—5*l.* I received the first week before the election, and now the account due is 10*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.*

11,797. How long were those two accounts running; how many days?—It began two or three days before the election.

11,798. And to whom did you supply the refreshments?—To customers.

11,799. What had Mr. Coleman to do with it?—He ordered it.

11,800. Did the customers say that they had orders from Mr. Coleman to come?—Yes.

11,801. They used his name?—Yes.

11,802. Five pounds has been paid to you, and 10*l.* you have sent in an account for?—Yes.

11,803. Did you supply to anybody but to persons who said that Mr. Coleman had sent them?—No.

11,804. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where they your regular customers?—Yes, all people of the neighbourhood.

11,805. Did you know most of them?—Yes, I think so.

11,806. How many do you think you supplied in that way?—I could not say.

11,807. About?—Really, I could not say.

11,808. A couple of hundred?—That I cannot say; I supplied a luncheon out of it.

11,809. When was that?—Upon the election day.

11,810. Who was at the luncheon?—That I cannot say.

11,811. Where there so many that you do not remember?—No, but I was engaged in the bar, and I could not say how many went up. It was ordered for 15*l.*

11,812. Can you tell me the names of any of the 15?—Indeed I cannot, but I believe they were Ramsgate people; I was told so.

11,813. How much was that luncheon?—I think 2*l.* 15*s.*

11,814. You see there is a good lot left for refreshments at other times; I suppose refreshments really meant beer if one speaks in plain English?—Beer, spirits, cigars, tobacco, and biscuits.

11,815. I daresay I shall not be far wrong if I say you supplied 100 or 150 people one way or another?—I should think more than that.

11,816. A couple of hundred?—I should think so; I know I was at work from morning till night.

11,817. Practically anybody who came in, I suppose, got what they wanted?—If they came in and said Mr. Coleman had sent them I supplied them.

JOHN TERRY recalled and further examined.

J. Terry.

11,818. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

11,819. Where do you live?—No. 5, Millwall Place, Sandwich.

11,820. Can you tell me what you received?—I went down at half-past ten upon the morning, and I voted at half-past eleven, and received a little parcel, and when I got home I found 3*l.* in the parcel, and that was a God-send to me; that is all I received.

11,821. Did you receive anything before you voted?—No, after I voted.

11,822. After you voted you received a little parcel?—Yes.

11,823. What was in it?—3*l.*; I signed my name John Terry, and when I got home I found 3*l.* in the parcel.

11,824. From whom did you receive the parcel?—Mr. East.

11,825. And you voted?—Yes, I voted on the Conservative side, which I had done three times before.

11,826. Mr. East was upon the Conservative side?—Yes.

11,827. You knew that that was given to you for your vote?—I was not promised it till after I came back.

11,828. You knew it was given to you because you voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, I believe it was given to me for that.

11,829. And you took it knowing that?—Look here, I was at work at Upper Walmer, and there were the expenses to come out of that—railway expenses each way, and not only that, I had three banners flying right over my house; I am not half paid.

11,830. Your expenses from Walmer would not be more than a few shillings. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—I was offered 6*l.* upon the other side, and I said I would not take three halfpence.

11,831. Did you receive anything more from anybody?—No, not a farthing; only 3*l.* off Mr. East. There were 20 of us that went down. You have got 20 names down, and all of us went upon the Conservative side.

11,832. And you got your 3*l.* each?—Yes, and thankful for it. That was after the election, and not before. I voted at half-past eleven.

RICHARD ATHERDEN BETTS sworn and examined.

R. A. Betts.

11,833. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Labourer.

11,834. Where do you live?—15, West Street.

11,835. What did you receive?—3*l.*

11,836. From whom?—Mr. Bales.

11,837. Was that to vote for the Conservatives?—It was.

11,838. And you voted?—Yes.

11,839. Did you receive anything more?—Yes, 3*l.* from Mr. Gibbons.

11,840. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

11,841. Did you receive anything more?—No.

11,842. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Which way did you vote?—I tossed up a penny and it came down a man, so I voted for Mr. Roberts.

11,843. Why did you vote for Mr. Roberts, you see you got the same sum from each?—I chanced which way it came.

11,844. You tossed up a penny; I daresay that is as good a way as any other?—I chanced which way it came.

GEORGE KEMP sworn and examined.

G. Kemp.

11,845. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

11,846. Where do you live?—28, Nelson Street.

11,847. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Bales.

11,848. To vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.

11,849. Did you receive anything more?—No, nothing more at all.

11,850. Nothing from anyone?—No.

JOHN MARSH BROWN recalled, further examined

J. M. Brown.

(*The Witness.*) I cannot find the receipt, it was there last night, but whether my son took it away or not I do not know. It was a very short one, "Received for election expenses the sum of 14*l.*" I recollect the amount very well indeed.

11,851. (*Mr. Turner.*) Signed by your son?—Yes, in his handwriting, and lots of such receipts were signed by different tradespeople.

11,852. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are sure that you saw that

receipt last night?—Yes, quite sure, because I wanted it explained to me. I knew it was a wrong thing to do to give the receipt and he explained it.

11,853. How do you explain the fact, that, if you knew all this, you said nothing about it and your son says nothing about it, and Mr. Edwards does not say a word about it in his letter to you?—I had a respect for my son, and did not want to let the public see that he had been guilty of anything of that sort, and I also

J. M. Brown. thought it was due to him that he should come and give you an explanation.

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11,854. Your son was asked this yesterday, "You never did receive and never had, until your father wrote to you, any intimation whatever that the bill had been increased or altered in any way," and he said he had no intimation whatever.

11,855. (*Mr. Holl.*) That must be deliberately untrue, if what you say is correct?—He had no intimation, I never wrote to him about it.

(*Mr. Turner.*) He had signed a receipt for 14*l.*?

11,856. (*Mr. Holl.*) It is impossible to suppose that you did not know it was important to tell us that that receipt had been given?—I knew nothing about the bill being altered, and the first intimation I had was that receipt Mr. Hammond brought. Mr. Hammond had a lot of them, and left this receipt at my house, and I directly consulted with Mrs. Brown and said, "It is a strange proceeding. I am going up to see Walter and perhaps he will explain it." The impression on my mind was, as he had been check clerk, he had given a receipt for the whole amount, but my bill was 4*l.*

11,857. That does not, to my mind, in the least degree explain the fact, if what you are now stating is correct,

that neither of you said a word about the receipt yesterday when you were called?—That is the only explanation I have to make. I know nothing about it, and I should not have come here and complained if I had not seen in the paper a statement to the effect that I had made a demand of 14*l.* I was as innocent as a child of it.

11,858. (*Mr. Turner.*) What puzzles me is that you should not have brought it all out, and said that you had seen the receipt for 14*l.*?—I have stated why I did not say so.

11,859. (*Mr. Holl.*) What astonishes me is that you should have thought it worth while to come forward and deny that your bill was 14*l.*, if what you are telling us now is correct; or that your son should have come from Surrey to contradict it?—The bill was 4*l.*

11,860. (*Mr. Turner.*) You have told us that 20 times?—Mr. Edwards and all know that the bill was 4*l.*

11,861. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Had you, when you first came before us, seen the receipt?—Yes, I had seen the receipt.

11,862. You knew that your son had given a receipt 14*l.*?—Yes, but I did not know what it was for. I knew it was not for my bill and I had not seen my son.

E. Hayward.

EDWARD HAYWARD sworn and examined.

11,863. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

11,864. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

11,865. What did you receive?—3*l.* off Mr. Wood.

11,866. What for? to vote for whom?—For Mr. Roberts.

11,867. Did you receive anything more from any one?—Yes, John Bishop gave me 4*l.*

11,868. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes, that was to vote for the Liberals.

11,869. Did you receive anything more?—No.

11,870. That is all you received?—Yes.

T. Brisley.

THOMAS BRISLEY sworn and examined.

11,871. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

11,872. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

11,873. From whom did you receive any money?—Mr. Wood.

11,874. How much?—3*l.*

11,875. What for?—For the election, I suppose.

11,876. To vote for whom?—Mr. Roberts.

11,877. Did you receive anything more from anyone?—No.

G. Williams.

GEORGE WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

11,878. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

11,879. Where do you live?—No. 4*d*, Cannon Street, Deal.

11,880. What money did you receive?—3*l.*

11,881. From whom?—Mr. William Mackie.

11,882. That was to vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.

11,883. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.

11,884. From whom?—I received 10*s.* for a present not to wear a bow, from Joseph Brown. That is all I received.

11,885. Were you Mr. Brown's foreman. I worked for Mr. Brown, and I have worked there for these 42 years.

11,886. Are you working at the farm now?—Up to the present time. I go to Dover selling vegetables for him.

11,887. Can you tell us where Mr. Brown is?—No, I have not seen him since last Saturday night, when I settled with him for the money for the goods.

11,888. Have you heard of him?—No, nor seen him.

11,889. Have you heard nothing of him?—No, I have heard nothing.

11,890. Do you know at all where he is?—No.

11,891. Have you any idea?—No, he has not let me know anything.

11,892. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Are you working for him now?—Yes, his mother takes the money now as I bring it.

11,893. The place is going on just the same as when Mr. Brown is there?—Yes, just the same. I see no difference at present.

11,894. Do you expect to see any difference?—I do not know I am sure. I cannot tell till the time comes. I hope not.

W. Williams.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

11,895. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A waterman.

11,896. Where do you live?—No. 9, Picketts Row.

11,897. Did you receive any money?—3*l.* 13*s.*

11,898. From whom?—Lambert and Marsh.

11,899. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

11,900. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing at all.

J. F. Baynes.

JOHN FRANCIS BAYNES sworn and examined.

11,901. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

11,902. Where do you live?—6, Brewer Street.

11,903. What money did you receive?—3*l.*

11,904. From Mr. Mackie?—Yes.

11,905. What for?—To vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

11,906. Did you receive anything else from anyone?—No.

G. Skinner.

GEORGE SKINNER sworn and examined.

11,907. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

11,908. Where do you live?—In George Street.

11,909. What did you receive 3*l.* 3*s.*

11,910. From whom was that?—Mr. Henry Marsh.

11,911. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

11,912. Did you receive anything else from anyone?—No, nothing else.

JOHN THOMAS SKINNER sworn and examined.

J. T. Skinner.

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11,913. (*Mr. Holl.*) Are you a publican?—Yes.
 11,914. What house do you keep?—The “Jolly Gardener.”
 11,915. Did you receive any money at this election?—Yes.
 11,916. How much?—I received 10*l.* for letting two rooms, and 3*l.* for my vote.
 11,917. From whom did you get the 3*l.* for your vote?—Mr. Mackie.
 11,918. Did you receive anything else from anybody for your vote?—No.
 11,911. You received 10*l.* for two rooms, who took them?—Mr. Olds took one and Mr. Outwin took the other.
 11,920. They were to pay you 5*l.* each?—Yes.
 11,921. When Mr. Olds took your room, did he ask you what you wanted, or did he offer you 5*l.* for it?—He offered me that money.
 11,922. Did anybody ever attend there?—No.
 11,923. Nobody ever attended there at all?—No.
 11,924. Was anything done with the room at all?—No.
 11,925. I suppose they put up some bills?—Yes, they had bills in the windows.
 11,926. There was nothing else done except putting up bills?—Yes, that is all.
 11,927. What is your rent?—12*l.* a year.
 11,928. You got half a year's rent for this room nearly?—I wish it had been all the year's rent.
 11,929. You got another 5*l.* for another room taken by Mr. Outwin?—Yes.
 11,930. That was for the Liberals?—Yes.

11,931. Did they do anything more with that room than the other side did with theirs?—No.
 11,932. They put up some bills, and that was all?—Yes, that was all.
 11,933. Did you receive any more money from anyone?—No.
 11,934. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you supply any refreshments to anyone?—I treated my customers with a little drop of beer and such like, but no other refreshments.
 11,935. Who did you treat?—Several customers that came in.
 11,936. Who paid you for that?—I have not been paid for that yet, and I do not expect I shall be.
 11,937. Have you claimed anything from anybody for that?—Yes.
 11,938. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.
 11,939. It was blue beer you supplied?—I do not know whether it was blue, it was some kind of beer or other.
 11,940. Did you supply any yellow beer upon the other side?—Yes.
 11,941. Which did you supply the most of?—That I cannot tell you.
 11,942. You claimed from Mr. Outwin for the blue beer, who is going to pay you for the yellow beer?—I am going to be a loser of that, I expect.
 11,943. Have you asked anybody to pay you?—No.
 11,944. No one at all?—No.
 11,945. You expect to be paid, do you not?—I cannot say.
 11,946. Have you not tried to get paid for all that yellow beer?—No, nor yet for the brown beer.

CHARLES SMITH sworn and examined.

C. Smith.

11,947. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A marine.
 11,948. Where do you live?—1, Blenheim Road.
 11,949. From whom did you receive any money?—Mr. Horne.

11,950. How much?—3*l.*
 11,951. To vote for whom?—Mr. Roberts.
 11,952. Did you receive anything more?—No.

DANIEL TROTT sworn and examined.

D. Trott.

11,953. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a mariner.
 11,954. Where do you live?—8, Market Street.
 11,955. What did you receive?—I received 3*l.* 13*s.* I believe you will see it on Mr. Marsh's list.

11,956. What was that for?—That was for my vote, I believe.
 11,957. For whom?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 11,958. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JOHN PITCHER sworn and examined.

J. Pitcher

11,959. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 11,960. Where do you live?—No. 3, Ivy Place.
 11,961. What did you receive?—6*l.*
 11,962. All in one sum?—No, 3*l.* off Thomas Finnis, and 3*l.* from Edward Grigg.
 11,963. What was Finnis's 3*l.* for?—For voting.
 11,964. For whom?—I voted for Mr. Roberts.
 11,965. What did he give you the 3*l.* for?—For voting.
 11,966. For whom?—I received the money from Mr. Grigg first.

11,967. What did he give you the 3*l.* for?—To vote for Mr. Roberts.
 11,968. And what was Finnis's 3*l.* for?—I suppose that was to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 11,969. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Roberts.
 11,970. Did you receive anything else?—I received a few shillings for sticking up poles and such like.
 11,971. You received 3*l.* from each side to vote for each of them?—Yes.

HENRY BIRD sworn and examined.

H. Bird.

11,972. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 11,973. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 11,974. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 11,975. From whom?—Mr. Wood.
 11,976. To vote for whom?—I do not know who it was to vote for. I voted for Mr. Roberts.

11,977. You knew it was for your vote?—I could not positively say, perhaps it might be.
 11,978. Was it for anything else?—I do not know that it was, I am not quite certain.
 11,979. Did you receive anything more?—No.

GEORGE AUSTIN sworn and examined.

G. Austin.

11,980. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 11,981. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 11,982. What did you receive?—3*l.*

11,983. From whom?—Mr. Wood.
 11,984. To vote for him?—I voted for Roberts.
 11,986. Did you receive anything more?—No.

JAMES THOMAS MARLOW sworn and examined.

J. T. Marlow.

11,986. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 11,987. Where do you live?—19, Griffin Street.
 11,988. From whom did you receive any money?—Mr. Denne.

11,989. How much?—3*l.*
 11,990. Was that to vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.
 11,991. Did you receive anything from anybody else?—No.

W. Marsh.

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WILLIAM MARSH sworn and examined.

11,992. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 11,993. Where do you live?—2, Smith's Folly.
 11,994. What money did you receive?—3*l.*
 11,995. From whom?—Mr. Rea.

11,996. What was that for?—My vote.
 11,997. Upon which side?—Mr. Roberts.
 11,998. Did you receive anything else?—No, not a halfpenny.

W. J. Marsh

WILLIAM JOHN MARSH sworn and examined.

12,000. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fish dealer.
 12,000. Where do you live?—7, West Street.
 12,001. What money did you receive?—7*l.*
 12,002. In one sum?—No two sums; 3*l.* off Mr. Ralph, and 4*l.* off Mr. Harris.
 12,003. What was the 3*l.* for?—For voting, I expect.
 12,004. Which way?—I voted for Mr. Roberts.
 12,005. What was the 4*l.* for?—I do not know.
 12,006. Do you not think that was for voting also?—No.

12,007. What was it for?—We had a little bit of a holiday, and one thing and another; and there was driving a pony cart about, and one thing and another.

12,008. Was that given to you to drive the pony cart about?—I expect it was that, and have a drop of drink, and one thing and another.

12,009. Do you know the other Marsh that has just been called?—No.

12,010. Is Mr. Harris upon the Liberal side?—I do not know upon which side he is, but he keeps a public-house by the side of our corner.

12,011. What is the name of it?—The "Norfolk Arms," or the "Jolly Sailors" some of them call it.

12,012. What did he say when he gave you the 4*l.*?—He never said nothing.

12,013. What did you say?—I thanked him for it.

12,014. Was it after the election or before?—Before the election, in the afternoon, between 12 and 1 o'clock.

12,015. Upon the day of the election?—Yes.

12,016. Was it before you had voted?—I forget.

12,017. You must know what time of the day you voted?—No, I do not.

12,018. Had you anything else besides?—No.

W.G. Lambert.

WILLIAM GRAY LAMBERT recalled and further examined.

12,019. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 12,020. Where do you live?—77, Beach Street.
 12,021. From whom did you receive any money?—I received 3*l.* 13*s.* from Mr. Marsh.
 12,022. For voting for Sir Julian?—Yes, for the blues.
 12,023. Did you receive anything else?—As I told you before, 5*s.* for opening the doors.

12,024. You did not tell us of the 3*l.* 13*s.* last time, did you?—Yes, I did indeed. You will find it in the paper.

12,025. Did you receive anything else?—I received for assisting with the flag staffs, and also I assisted in putting up the by staff.

12,026. Did you receive anything else for voting?—No, not one halfpenny, on my oath.

W. Norris.

WILLIAM NORRIS sworn and examined.

12,027. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 12,028. Where do you live?—40, Duke Street.
 12,029. From whom did you receive any money?—Alfred Norris.
 12,030. Is he a relation of yours?—Yes.

12,031. What relation?—Brother-in-law.

12,032. How much?—3*l.*

12,033. What was that for?—For voting.

12,034. For whom?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.

12,035. Did you receive nothing else?—No.

H. Marsh.

HENRY MARSH recalled and further examined.

(*The Witness.*) There is one thing I should like to say. I omitted something in my evidence. I received 15*l.* from Mr. Ramell for putting up flag poles, which I entirely forgot, and I am very sorry I did. There were

20 of us, and it came to 15*s.* a-piece, and there were 10 flag staffs. That is all I have got to say. I forgot to mention it before, and thought I would mention it now.

T. Curling.

THOMAS CURLING sworn and examined.

12,036. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pensioner.
 12,037. Where do you live?—56, West Street.
 12,038. What did you receive?—I received 5*l.* for work done by my daughter and wife at home in making flags for Mr. Ramell.
 12,039. What else did you receive?—Nothing else.
 12,040. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Ramell.
 12,041. Did you receive nothing for your vote?—No, nothing for my vote.
 12,042. Did you receive nothing else?—No, nothing else.
 12,043. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did Mr. Ramell order the flags?—Yes, and he paid the money.
 12,044. How many flags did you supply?—I suppose one day we made 15 for the big flag staff, and we were making flags from the commencement of Sir Julian Goldsmid's coming to the day of election.
 12,045. That was seven or eight days?—Yes.
 12,046. You did not do anything with these flags?—Yes, I roped them all.
 12,047. How many days were you at that?—Every time a flag was done I had to do it.
 12,048. How many flags did they make altogether?—I cannot say exactly, but I know one day there were 15 flags, besides putting the names on.
 12,049. What was your daughter doing?—My daughter was making and hemming them.

12,050. Was anybody else engaged upon that business besides you and your daughter?—My wife. There were three of us.

12,051. A week's work?—Yes.

12,052. The materials were given to you?—Yes, everything we received from Mr. Ramell, cotton even.

12,053. You got 5*l.* for a week's work?—There were three of us.

12,054. Pretty good pay was it not?—My daughter lost more than that; she had to refuse other work because she could not take it in.

12,055. What do you and your wife and daughter together make a year?—It all depends.

12,056. Do you make 30*s.* a week?—No, and not half of it, and sometimes not 5*s.*

12,057. 5*l.* was pretty good pay, was it not?—Certainly it was not bad pay.

12,058. Did you vote?—I did. I voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid, but I charged nothing for it.

12,059. 5*l.* had something to do with your voting?—No, not at all. I should have voted if I had not got a farthing.

12,060. Do you think you would have got the 5*l.* if you had not had a vote?—I might have got it. I cannot say.

12,061. And might not?—And might not; that is true enough.

GEORGE WILLIAM YOUNG sworn and examined.

G. W. Young.

12,062. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Signalman.
 12,063. Where do you live?—15, Griffin Street.
 12,064. What did you receive?—6*l*.
 12,065. From whom?—Mr. Warner, the Trinity pilot.
 12,066. Did you receive it in one sum?—No; he brought me 3*l*. the evening after the closing of the poll, and 3*l*. about seven days afterwards.

12,067. What was that for?—I suppose it must have been for voting for Sir Julian Goldsmid. I did nothing else for it.

12,068. Did you know why you had the second 3*l*?—He did not make any comment.

12,069. It was for your vote?—I gave my vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

12,070. Anything else did you receive?—No.

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RICHARD CANNICUT sworn and examined.

R. Cannicut.

12,071. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—No. 12, Princes Street.

12,072. What did you receive?—3*l*., from Mr. Horne of Gladstone Road.

12,073. What was that for?—He met me one day, and he said, "I want to see you." I said, "Very well," "Mr. Horne," and I went up the day before the election to him, or I met him coming down Walmer, and he said if I would go back with him he had got something for me. He took me into his house, and put down 3*l*. upon the table. I said, "What is it for," and he said,

"Never mind what it is for, I know you are not a blue." I said, "No, and I should be very sorry to be," and he said, "Very good, there is this for you." I said, "This is not for my vote, because I am not going to be bought for 3*l*."

12,074. You kept the 3*l*?—Yes, I put it into my pocket.

12,075. You voted for whom?—I believe the voting is secret.

12,076. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Roberts.

12,077. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JOHN DEWELL sworn and examined.

J. Dewell.

12,078. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.

12,079. Where do you live?—No. 5, Pickett's Row.

12,080. What did you receive?—3*l*.

12,081. From whom?—George Potts.

12,082. Was that for your vote?—I suppose it was.

12,083. Did you receive anything else?—No.

EDWARD CLAYTON PETTET sworn and examined.

E. C. Pettet.

12,084. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—An accountant.

12,085. Where do you live?—188, High Street.

12,086. What money did you receive?—Not any; at least I received a guinea for two day's services in checking off books and accounts during the election.

12,087. Upon which side?—The Liberal side.

12,088. When did you receive that?—About three or four days after the election.

12,089. Is that all you received?—Yes, that was all. I was offered several times, but refused.

12,090. Is there another person of your name.

12,091. There are other Pettets besides yourself?—There is no other Edward Clayton Pettet.

12,092. Do you live at 124, Beach Street?—I used to, and removed to 188, High Street.

12,093. Is there anybody of that name in Beach Street now?—I am not sure.

RICHARD PHILPOTT sworn and examined.

R. Philpott.

12,094. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

12,095. Where do you live?—Beach Street.

12,096. What did you receive?—3*l*. 13*s*.

12,097. From Mr. Marsh?—Yes.

12,098. Was that for your vote?—Yes, that was for my vote.

12,099. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JAMES NICHOLAS sworn and examined.

J. Nicholas.

12,100. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boat builder.

12,101. Where do you live?—18, Beach Street.

12,102. What did you receive?—3*l*.

12,103. From whom?—Mr. Alfred Norris.

12,104. Was that for your vote?—Well, I suppose so. About the same as the rest, I suppose.

12,105. Did you receive anything else?—I received a few shillings for putting up poles.

12,106. Is that all?—Yes.

FRANCIS GOSS sworn and examined.

F. Goss.

12,107. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A publican.

12,108. What is your house?—The "Military" Tavern, Lower Walmer.

12,109. What did you receive?—5*l*. for a committee room, and 3*l*. 10*s*. for helping Mr. Mackins with flags.

12,110. What else did you receive?—Nothing else.

12,111. Was it making flags?—No, putting up and taking down.

12,112. Was your room used at all?—No, it was not.

12,113. Were any placards put up?—Yes, the windows were full.

12,114. What was the 3*l*. 10*s*. for do you say; putting up flags?—For the assistance I gave.

12,115. How much assistance did you give?—Now and again, every day; according to what was required.

12,116. Who fixed it at 3*l*. 10*s*.?—I received that, but I do not know who fixed it.

12,117. Did you send in a claim for 3*l*. 10*s*.?—No.

12,118. They paid it to you?—Yes.

12,119. Did you supply any refreshments?—No, not a farthingworth.

12,120. Did you receive anything else?—No.

12,121. (*Mr. Holl.*) That was only for hanging flags

out of the window?—No, I was upon the beach helping Mr. Mackins.

12,122. How many flags did you put up?—I could not say how many there were up there. There were lots about, upon his boats, and upon boats that were about in front of the beach.

12,123. Was it for putting up flag poles?—No, I had nothing to do with poles.

12,124. 3*l*. 10*s*. seems a good deal for putting up a few flags upon boats. How many days do you think you think you were occupied?—I cannot say exactly.

12,125. How many hours do you think?—Two or three hours a day, very likely.

12,126. How many did you put up?—I could not say the number.

12,127. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you mean putting them up in the morning, and taking them down in the evening?—Yes, that is it.

12,128. You went every morning and put them up?—I assisted.

12,129. How many of you were there doing it?—Five, or six, or seven.

12,130. So five, or six, or seven of you tied a bit of rope to a flag, and put it up?—Yes, something of the kind.

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12,131. And in the evening, five, or six, or seven of you undid that piece of rope and pulled it down again? Yes.

12,132. How many flags did you treat in that way?—I cannot say; but a good many.

12,133. A dozen?—More than that.

12,134. 20?—Yes, perhaps.

12,135. Five, or six, or seven of you put up 20 flags in the morning, and took them down in the evening?—Yes.

12,136. How long was that for; a week?—More than that perhaps.

10,137. 10 days?—Yes, perhaps.

10,138. It was pretty good pay, was it not; you would like another job of the same sort, at the same price?—I should not mind it.

12,139. Had each of them 3*l.* 10*s.*?—I cannot say. --

12,140. Your room was used for nothing but to put some bills in the window?—That is all.

R. T. Holborn.

ROBERT THOMAS HOLBORN sworn and examined.

12,141. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

12,142. Where do you live?—North End.

12,143. What did you receive?—3*l.* 13*s.*

12,144. You are one of that lot of forty-two?—Yes.

12,145. That was for your vote?—Yes.

12,146. For Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

12,147. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing whatever.

J. Cave.

JOHN CAVE sworn and examined.

12,148. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

12,149. Where do you live?—7, Canada Place.

12,150. What did you receive?—3*l.*

12,151. From whom?—Mackins.

12,152. For your vote?—Yes.

12,153. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing

S. Redman.

STEPHEN REDMAN sworn and examined.

12,154. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Journeyman carpenter.

12,155. Where do you live?—36, Duke Street.

12,156. What did you receive?—3*l.*

12,157. From whom?—Gibbons.

12,158. Was that for your vote?—I did not receive it until several days afterwards; but I suppose it was for that.

12,159. Did you receive anything else?—No.

J. Foy.

JAMES FOY sworn and examined.

12,160. (*Mr. Turner.*) You are a marine?—Yes.

12,161. Where do you live?—28, Gladstone Road.

12,162. What did you receive?—3*l.*

12,163. From whom?—Mr. Potts.

12,164. For your vote?—I expect it was.

12,165. Did you receive anything else?—No.

J. Poil.

JOHN POIL sworn and examined.

12,166. (*Mr. Turner.*) You received some money from Mr. Mackins?—Yes.

12,167. How much?—3*l.*

12,168. For your vote?—I expect it was.

12,169. Anything else?—Nothing else.

J. Sharp.

JOHN SHARP sworn and examined.

12,170. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A lamplighter.

12,171. Where do you live?—Middle Street.

12,172. From whom did you receive the money?—Mr. Trigg.

12,173. How much?—3*l.*

12,174. That was was your vote?—Yes.

12,175. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing at all.

G. Wallace.

GEORGE WALLACE sworn and examined.

12,176. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am Gunnery Instructor to the Volunteers in this place.

12,177. Where do you live?—Cemetery Road.

12,178. What did you receive?—4*l.*

12,179. From whom?—Mr. Potts.

12,180. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I believe so.

12,181. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

J. Dunn.

JOHN DUNN sworn and examined.

12,182. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

12,183. Where do you live?—11, North Sandy Lane.

12,184. What did you receive?—3*l.*

12,185. From whom?—John Betts.

12,186. Was that for your vote?—I expect it was; he never said anything.

12,187. Did you receive anything else?—Yes; I received 10*s.* for not wearing any colour.

12,188. From whom was that?—Mr. Joe Brown.

12,189. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you wear any colours?—No.

12,190. Did you receive anything else but the 3*l.* and the 10*s.*?—No.

R. A. Hall.

RICHARD ALFRED HALL sworn and examined.

12,191. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

12,192. Where do you live?—84, Beach Street, South End.

12,193. You received some money from Mr. Marsh?—Yes, 3*l.* 13*s.*

12,194. Was that for voting for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

12,195. Did you receive anything else?—Yes, I received 1*l.* 8*s.* for the big flag-staff upon Prince of Wales' Terrace.

12,196. For what did you receive it?—For watching and putting it up.

12,197. What else did you receive?—I received about 18*s.* for putting up other poles.

12,198. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

12,199. (*Mr. Holl.*) You did not do much in the watching line, did you; the watching was not so severe, was it?—Yes, I should think it was; it was pretty severe weather.

12,200. Did you stop out in it?—Yes, we did decidedly so; it was pretty severe.

R. A. Betts.

RICHARD ATHERDEN BETTS sworn and examined.

12,201. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Bus driver.

12,202. Where do you live?—1*b.*, Portland Terrace.

12,203. What did you receive?—3*l.*

12,204. From whom?—Gibbons.

12,205. For your vote?—I suppose it was.

12,206. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

JOHN COX sworn and examined.

J. Cox.

- 12,207. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 12,208. Where do you live?—Grove Street, Walmer Road.
 12,209. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 12,210. From whom?—Henry Huson.
 12,211. Anything more?—No, nothing else.

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GEORGE BUTTRESS sworn and examined.

G. Buttress.

- 12,212. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Waterman.
 12,213. Where do you live?—101, Middle Street.
 12,214. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Chittenden.
 12,215. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 12,216. Anything else?—Yes, 1*l.* from William Ramell.
 12,217. What was that for?—Putting flags on poles, and taking them round to different houses.
 12,218. Is your name Peter Buttress?—That is my nickname, but George is the proper name.

JOSEPH MERCER sworn and examined.

J. Mercer.

- 12,219. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 12,220. Where do you live?—Vale Cottage, York Street, Walmer Road.
 12,221. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 12,222. From whom?—Mr. William Bullen.
 12,223. For your vote?—Yes, something of that.
 12,224. Did you receive anything more?—No.

REDMAN BAILEY sworn and examined.

R. Bailey.

- 12,225. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 12,226. Where do you live?—9, St. George's Place.
 12,227. From whom did you receive the money?—Mr. Ramell.
 12,228. What amount did you receive?—5*l.*
 12,229. What was that for?—My wife made flags for Mr. Ramell.
 12,230. What did you receive the 5*l.* for?—For making the flags.
 12,231. Only for the flags?—I voted Liberal, and made the flags.
 12,232. Did you receive it in one sum?—Yes.
 12,233. (*Mr. Holl.*) He paid you liberally for the flags to get your vote?—I do not know, my wife did the flags.
 12,234. (*Mr. Turner.*) When did he pay you the 5*l.*?—The morning of the election.
 12,235. He knew you were a Liberal voter?—Yes.
 12,236. You told him so?—Yes.
 12,237. Did you send in any bill for those flags?—No; the money was brought to my wife.
 12,238. Did you receive anything else?—No.

RICHARD JOHN LAMBERT sworn and examined.

R. J. Lambert.

- 12,239. (*Mr. Turner.*) You received 3*l.* 13*s.*?—Yes.
 12,240. From Mr. Marah?—Yes.
 12,241. Was that to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.
 12,242. Did you receive anything else?—About 30*s.* for night watching.
 12,243. And putting up the poles?—No, not putting up the poles.

MARK NASH sworn and examined.

M. Nash.

- 12,244. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 12,245. Where do you live?—Market Street.
 12,246. Did you receive any money?—3*l.* 13*s.*
 12,247. You are another of the 42 lot who voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.
 12,248. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.

SAMUEL LUELLE sworn and examined.

S. Lueller.

- 12,249. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 12,250. Where do you live?—No. 5, Peter Street.
 12,251. What did you receive?—5*l.*
 12,252. Who from?—Mr. Pritchard.
 12,253. Did you receive it in one sum?—No, in two sums; he gave me 3*l.* before I went up, and the other 2*l.* when I came back.
 12,254. He gave you 3*l.* to vote, and 2*l.* for having voted?—Yes, he gave me 2*l.* afterwards. I had 5*l.* altogether.
 12,255. Nothing else?—No.

EDWARD COLEMAN sworn and examined.

E. Coleman.

- 12,256. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 12,257. Where do you live?—Cemetery Road.
 12,258. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 12,259. From whom?—John Mackins.
 12,260. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 12,261. Nothing else?—No, nothing else.

FREDERICK MILES sworn and examined.

F. Miles.

- 12,262. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 12,263. Where do you live?—19, Wellington Road.
 12,264. What did you receive?—4*l.*
 12,265. From whom?—Mr. William Norris.
 12,266. What for?—For voting, I suppose.
 12,267. Did you receive it all in one sum?—Yes.
 12,268. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.

ANDREW HAWKINS sworn and examined.

A. Hawkins.

- 12,269. (*Mr. Turner.*) You received some money from Mr. Horne?—Yes.
 12,270. What are you?—A pensioner.
 12,271. Where do you live?—23, Gladstone Road.
 12,272. How much did you receive of Mr. Horne?—3*l.*
 12,273. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 12,274. Did you receive anything else?—I got half a guinea for being employed as messenger the day of the polling.
 12,275. Nothing else?—No.

THOMAS JARVIS FILES sworn and examined.

T. J. Files.

- 12,276. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 12,277. Where do you live?—I live in Broad Street, but what the number of the house is I cannot tell you.
 12,278. What did you receive?—3*l.* 13*s.* I am one of the 42.
 12,279. Was that for your voting for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.
 12,280. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing at all, because I was not at home to get hold of it.

W. Rose.

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WILLIAM ROSE sworn and examined.

- 12,281. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pensioner.
 12,282. Where do you live?—St. Andrew's Road.
 12,283. What did you receive?—3*l.*

- 12,284. From whom?—Mr. Warner, the pilot.
 12,285. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 12,286. Did you receive anything else?—No.

R. Spears.

RICHARD SPEARS sworn and examined.

- 12,287. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman I have been, but it is too late now.
 12,288. Where do you live?—30, Beach Street.
 12,289. What did you receive?—3*l.* 13*s.* from Mr. Marsh.

- 12,290. For voting for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.
 12,291. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

S. Files.

STEPHEN FILES sworn and examined.

- 12,292. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 12,293. Where do you live?—6, Middle Street.
 12,294. Did you receive 3*l.* 13*s.* from Mr. Marsh for voting for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.
 12,295. Anything else?—Yes, for putting up the flag staffs.

- 12,296. How much?—30*s.*, or somewhere thereabouts.
 12,297. Putting up flag staffs, or watching them?—Putting them up.
 12,298. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

A. V. White.

ALFRED VALENTINE WHITE sworn and examined.

- 12,299. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A maltman.
 12,300. Where do you live?—No. 2, Foster's Alley, North End.
 12,301. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 12,302. What was that for, for your vote?—I suppose so.
 12,303. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 12,304. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did your money come from Mr. Pritchard?—Not that I am aware of.

- 12,305. Were you offered anything by Mr. Pritchard?—No.
 12,306. Did you get anything from Mr. Pritchard?—No.
 12,307. (*Mr. Turner.*) Is that all you received?—Yes, that is all.
 12,308. Who did you receive it from?—Mr. Wilds.

S. G. Mockett.

STEPHEN GEORGE MOCKETT sworn and examined.

- 12,309. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 12,310. Where do you live?—1, Robert Street.
 12,311. You received some money from Mr. Gibbons?—Yes.

- 12,312. How much?—3*l.*
 12,313. What for?—My vote, I think.
 12,314. Did you receive anything else?—No.

S. Cooper.

STEPHEN COOPER sworn and examined.

- 12,315. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 12,316. Where do you live?—Cemetery Road.
 12,317. You received some money from Mr. Potts?—Yes.

- 12,318. How much?—4*l.*
 12,319. What for?—Voting, I suppose.
 12,320. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

R. Cross.

ROBERT CROSS recalled and further examined.

- 12,321. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who did you get your money from?—John Betts 3*l.*
 12,322. Anybody else?—Mr. Charles Redman.

- 12,323. How much did you get from him?—3*l.*
 12,324. What was that for, for voting?—Yes.

J. H. Waller.

JOHN HENRY WALLER sworn and examined.

- 12,325. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 12,326. Where do you live?—39, West Street.
 12,327. What did you receive?—6*l.*
 12,328. From whom?—3*l.* from Mr. Joe Brown, and 3*l.* from Adams.
 12,329. Was the 3*l.* from Joe Brown for your vote?—I suppose so.
 12,330. And the 3*l.* from Adams, was that for your vote?—I suppose so; I did not do anything else.
 12,331. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did your money come from Mr. Harris?—No.

- 12,332. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you know whether there is a Henry Waller living at 8, West Street?—Yes, there is.
 12,333. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.
 12,334. Only 3*l.* from each side?—Yes.
 12,335. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is Mr. Adams' Christian name?—Thomas Adams.
 12,336. Where does he live?—In Farrier Street, I believe.
 12,337. Is Thomas Adams here?—Not as I know of.

J. Clements.

JOHN CLEMENTS sworn and examined.

- 12,338. *Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Painter.
 12,339. Where do you live?—I am residing at present at the "Clarendon Tap," carrying on the business for the landlord that is paralysed.

- 12,340. What did you get?—3*l.* 13*s.*, I am one of the 42.
 12,341. Was that for voting for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.
 12,342. Did you get anything else?—No.

J. Carroway.

JEREMIAH CARROWAY sworn and examined.

- 12,343. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 12,344. Where do you live?—7, Custom House Lane.
 12,345. What did you receive?—3*l.* 13*s.* I am one of the 42.

- 12,346. Did you vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.
 12,347. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

GEORGE NOBLE sworn and examined.

G. Noble.

- 12,348. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carrier. 12,351. By whom?—Mr. Chittenden.
 12,349. Where do you live?—High Street. 12,352. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so, I had
 12,350. What did you receive?—3*l.* was left at my voted.
 house after the election. 12,353. Did you get anything else?—No.

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WILLIAM GIMBER sworn and examined.

W. Gimber.

- 12,354. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A dustman. 12,359. What was the 3*l.* for?—My vote, I suppose.
 12,355. Where do you live?—30, West Street. 12,360. And what was the 4*l.* for?—I do not know—
 12,356. What did you receive?—7*l.* about the same I should think.
 12,357. Did you receive it in one sum?—No. 12,361. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 12,358. How was it?—3*l.* of John Ralph, and 4*l.* of Harris.

WILLIAM BUSHELL sworn and examined.

W. Bushell.

- 12,362. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman. 12,367. What was it for?—I done a few little things
 12,363. Where do you live?—4, York Street. on the beach, putting up the flags.
 12,364. What did you receive?—3*l.* 12,368. Your vote had a good deal to do with it, had
 12,365. From whom?—William Bullen. it not?—I do not know about my vote having much to
 12,366. Was that for your vote?—Not altogether for do with it, I done a few little things.
 my vote as I know of. 12,369. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing
 at all.

EDWARD CANNEY sworn and examined.

E. Canney.

- 12,370. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A butcher. 12,373. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 12,371. Where do you live?—6, Picket's Row. 12,374. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 12,372. What did you receive?—4*l.* off Patrick Harris.

MICHAEL CLARINGBOLD sworn and examined.

M.
Claringbold.

- 12,375. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shoemaker. 12,378. Who from?—Mr. Henry Huson after the
 12,376. Where do you live?—2, Castalia Cottages, election.
 Lower Walmer. 12,379. It had something to do with your vote?—Yes,
 12,377. What did you receive?—3*l.* it was for my vote.
 12,380. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.

THOMAS BOWLES sworn and examined.

T. Bowles.

- 12,381. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer. 12,385. All of it?—Yes, all off Mr. Potts.
 12,382. Where do you live?—Cemetery Road. 12,386. For your vote?—Yes, I expect so. I received
 12,383. What did you receive?—I gave my vote in it the day after the election.
 before I received anything. 12,387. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.
 12,384. But what did you receive?—4*l.* from Mr. Potts.

WILLIAM JARMAN sworn and examined.

W. Jarman.

- 12,388. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—4, Prim- 12,390. I believe you received 3*l.* 13*s.* from Mr. Marsh?
 rose Hill. —Yes.
 12,389. What are you?—A boatman. 12,391. To vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.
 12,392. And nothing else?—No.

GEORGE EDWARD MACKINS sworn and examined.

G. E. Mackins.

- 12,393. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A journeyman 12,396. Did you receive it from Mr. Marsh?—Yes.
 baker. 12,397. To vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.
 12,394. Where do you live?—4, South Street. 12,398. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing
 12,395. What did you receive?—3*l.* 13*s.* I am one of more.
 the 42.

ROBERT ARCHER sworn and examined.

R. Archer.

- 12,399. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A coachman. 12,401. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Miller.
 12,400. Where do you live?—No. 1, Clarence 12,402. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 Terrace. 12,403. Did you receive anything else?—No.

THOMAS BRUDENELL sworn and examined.

T. Brudenell.

- 12,404. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter. 12,407. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 12,405. Where do you live?—West Street. 12,408. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 12,406. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Gibbons.

HENRY A. ROBERTS sworn and examined.

H. A. Roberts.

- 12,409. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman. 12,415. Was it Richard Rea, or Edward Rea?—
 12,410. Where do you live?—13, Peters Street. Mr. Rea at the "Fountain."
 12,411. What did you receive?—6*l.*, in two instalments. 12,416. Richard Rea, is it?—I think so, I will not be
 12,412. From whom?—3*l.* from Mr. Richard Gibbons, sure.
 and 3*l.* from Mr. Rea. 12,417. So you received 3*l.* from each side?—Yes.
 12,413. The 3*l.* from Mr. Gibbons was for your vote? 12,418. And how did you vote?—For Mr. Roberts.
 —I suppose so. 12,419. Have you received anything else?—No,
 12,414. And the other was for your vote too?—I nothing.
 suppose so.

G. Jenner.

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GEORGE JENNER sworn and examined.

- 12,420. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 12,421. Where do you live?—6, Castalia Road.
 12,422. What did you receive?—3*l.* 10*s.* from John Mackins.
 12,423. What did you receive it for?—For fixing poles—putting up poles and returning them after the election.
 12,424. Was that all for that?—Yes.
 12,425. Nothing else?—Nothing else.
 12,426. When did you get that?—On the day of the election.
 12,427. Before you voted?—Before I voted.
 12,428. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.
 12,429. (*Mr. Holl.*) Were Mr. Mackins' colours that you put up for him Conservative colours?—Yes.
 12,430. How many flags did you put up?—Four flags.
 12,431. On poles or not?—On poles.
 12,432. But did you put the poles up, or only put the flags up?—I put the poles up, and fetched them and took them back where we borrowed them from.
 12,433. (*Mr. Turner.*) How long were you about it?—A week.
 12,434. Every day?—Yes. I put them up first, and returned them after the election was over.
 12,435. How long were you engaged in the work?—About 10 days, hoisting the flags in the morning and taking them down at night.
 12,436. How many men were engaged with you?—No one but myself.
 12,437. Then you got 7*l.* for ten days' work?—No, 3*l.* 10*s.*
 12,438. And is that all you received?—That is all I received.
 12,439. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you put up the flagstuffs yourself?—Yes, and a little chap along with me—little bits of boys.
 12,440. They were very small?—Very small boys.
 12,441. They were very small flagstuffs, I mean?—No, they was not.
 12,442. You know it was given to you really for your vote now, was it not?—No, it was given me for my labour, and I think I earned it well.
 12,443. (*Mr. Turner.*) Labour and your vote?—Labour, without paying for the vote.
 12,444. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are a boatman?—Yes.
 12,445. It is not your ordinary business, I suppose,

to put up flags?—It is my ordinary business to put up anything; I am Mr. Kempson's servant.

12,446. You fixed four flagstuffs?—Yes, two opposite Mr. Kempson's house, and two opposite our stores.

12,447. What size were the flagstuffs?—About 14 or 15 feet; an ordinary pole that you would see the builders put up when building scaffolding.

12,448. You took the poles there, and put them into the earth?—Yes.

12,449. And they supplied you with flags?—Yes.

12,450. And then you put the flags up every morning, and took them down at night?—Yes.

12,451. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you rig them up?—Yes.

12,452. (*Mr. Jeune.*) They did not require any rigging up, did they?—Simply putting them into the earth, and when the election was over I took them down.

12,453. (*Mr. Holl.*) Had you a rope to pull the flags up and down with, or what?—Yes, of course a rope; you could not pull the flags up without.

12,454. (*Mr. Turner.*) And you received nothing else?—No.

12,455. (*Mr. Jeune.*) 3*l.* 10*s.* do you say for how many days' works?—Ten days' work.

12,456. And that is 7*s.* a day?—Yes.

12,457. What do you make; what are your ordinary earnings; what do you get a week about?—More some weeks than another; it depends upon the weather a great deal; some weeks more than others.

12,458. But what on the average would be your earnings?—I cannot tell; it depends upon the weather. I have the privilege of going fishing, and that kind of thing, when Mr. Kempson is in town.

12,459. I do not want to go into exactly what you earn every day, but do you think you earn 30*s.* a week on the average, taking one week with the other?—No, I do not.

12,460. Then this 3*l.* 10*s.* is goodish pay?—Yes, and it ought to be sometimes; going and fetching things where I borrowed them from, and taking them back, and digging the holes, and all that.

12,461. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you borrow the poles yourself?—I did not.

12,462. (*Mr. Jeune.*) So you got 7*s.* a day; that is two guineas a week?—Yes, and least enough too.

12,463. It is pretty nearly twice as much as you get in ordinary times, is it not? This work did not keep you all day; when the flags were once up in the morning there they were, and you could go boating and fishing, and anything you liked?—I know all about that.

12,464. Then do you not think this 3*l.* 10*s.* was a good sum?—I think it is least enough.

J. W. Devell.

JAMES WILLIAM DEVELL sworn and examined.

- 12,465. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
 12,466. Where do you live?—6, Roberts Street.
 12,467. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Potts.
 12,468. For your vote?—I expect it was that.
 12,469. Anything else?—3*l.* from Mr. Nicholls.

12,470. Was that for your vote?—I expect they were both trying for it.

12,471. And you took 3*l.* from each?—Yes.

12,472. Did you get anything else?—No.

12,473. What is Nicholls' Christian name?—William Nicholls.

[Adjourned for a short time.]

D. Hobbs.

DAVID HOBBS sworn and examined.

- 12,474. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a sergeant in the Marines?—Yes.
 12,475. Where do you live?—30, Gladstone Road.
 12,476. What did you receive?—3*l.*

12,477. Who from?—Mr. Horne.

12,478. For your vote?—Yes.

12,479. Anything else?—Nothing else.

T. Bailey.

THOMAS BAILEY sworn and examined.

- 12,480. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—5, Durham Place, Wellington Road.
 12,481. What are you?—A mariner.

12,482. What did you have?—3*l.* 13*s.*; I am one of the 42.

12,483. That is all you got?—Yes, that is all.

W. Clements.

WILLIAM CLEMENTS sworn and examined.

- 12,484. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Chapel Street.
 12,485. What are you?—A boatman.
 12,486. What did you get?—4*l.*
 12,487. Who from?—Mr. Ralph.
 12,488. Was that for your vote?—Making flags.
 12,489. How many flags did he give you to make?—About twenty.
 12,490. And he gave you the material to make them?—Yes.

12,491. How long would they take you to make?—About three or four days.

12,492. That is a pound a day?—Yes.

12,493. It was goodish pay, was it not?—Pretty good.

12,494. You have a vote, I suppose?—Yes.

12,495. Do you think your vote had something to do with it?—I think so.

12,496. Is that all you had?—Yes.

JOHN ROGERS sworn and examined.

J. Rogers.
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12,497. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—10, Wellington Road.

12,498. What is your occupation?—Pensioner.

12,499. What did you get?—I had 4*l.* two days after the election.

12,500. From whom?—William Norris.

12,501. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose it had something to do with it.

12,502. Is that all you had?—Yes.

WILLIAM KERRISON sworn and examined.

W. Kerrison.

12,508. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—I used to live at Gladstone Road.

12,504. What is your occupation?—Marine.

12,505. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,506. Who from?—Mr. Horne.

12,507. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes; he asked me which I was going to vote for, and I told him Mr. Roberts, and he laid 3*l.* on the table.

12,508. Did you get anything else?—No.

JAMES BAILEY sworn and examined.

J. Bailey.

12,509. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—36, Middle Street.

12,510. What is your occupation?—Mariner.

12,511. What did you get?—3*l.* 13*s.*

12,512. You are one of the immortal forty-two?—Yes.

12,513. Is that all you got?—Yes; I have got two brothers at sea.

12,514. What are their names?—John and Henry.

12,515. Were they both in the forty-two?—Yes, both of them. They are not at home to make acknowledgment for themselves; they have had a summons.

12,516. Do you expect they will be back in a day or two?—I think so.

12,517. Did they have the money?—I cannot say.

12,518. They will have to answer for themselves?—Yes, the same as I have.

ROBERT PENN sworn and examined.

R. Penn.

12,519. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Grove Terrace.

12,520. What is your occupation?—Grocer's assistant.

12,521. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,522. From whom?—Mr. Potts.

12,523. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

12,524. Anything else?—Nothing else.

HENRY REDMAN sworn and examined.

H. Redman.

12,525. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Wellington Road.

12,526. What is your business?—Waterman.

12,527. What did you have?—3*l.* 13*s.*; one of the Forty-two.

12,528. Anything else?—No; I was not able to do anything else.

GEORGE HOWLETT sworn and examined.

G. Howlett.

12,529. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—4, Castalia Villas.

12,530. What is your occupation?—A servant.

12,531. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,532. Who from?—Mr. Miller.

12,533. For your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

12,534. Anything else?—Nothing else.

WILLIAM LOVE sworn and examined.

W. Love.

12,535. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 5, West Street.

12,536. What is your occupation?—Fish hawker.

12,537. What did you get at the election?—7*l.*

12,538. Who from?—3*l.* from Mr. Erridge and 4*l.* from Mr. Harris.

12,539. What is Mr. Erridge's Christian name?—I do not know.

12,540. Both those payments, I suppose, were for your vote?—I do not know what the 4*l.* was for.

12,541. The 3*l.* was for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.

12,542. And I suppose when you had given your vote you had nothing else to give?—No.

12,543. Still you got 4*l.*?—I got 4*l.*

12,544. Had you anything else?—Nothing else.

JOHN ANDERSON sworn and examined.

J. Anderson.

12,545. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Coston Cottage, Middle Row.

12,546. What is your occupation?—Stableman and coachman.

12,547. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,548. Who from?—Mr. Miller.

12,549. For your vote?—Yes.

12,550. And that is all you got?—Yes.

FREDERICK CAVELL sworn and examined.

F. Cavell.

12,551. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Street.

12,552. What is your occupation?—A boatman.

12,553. What did you get at the election?—6*l.*

12,554. Who from?—3*l.* from Edward Griggs and 3*l.* from Charles Cox.

12,555. I suppose both those sums were for your vote?—I suspect so.

12,556. The first one was for your vote and the second one was for what remained of it?—Yes.

12,557. That is all you got out of it?—Yes, that is all.

WILLIAM BAILEY sworn and examined.

W. Bailey.

12,558. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—In Middle Street.

12,559. What is your occupation?—A boatman.

12,560. What did you get?—3*l.* 13*s.*

12,561. You are one of the forty-two?—Yes.

12,562. Is that all you got?—Yes; I should like to have had a little more.

H. Valder.

HENRY VALDER sworn and examined.

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12,563. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—George Alley.
12,564. What is your occupation?—A boatman.

12,565. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* 13*s.*
12,566. You are one of the forty-two?—Yes.
12,567. Did you get anything else?—No.

G. N. Hanger.

GEORGE N. HANGER sworn and examined.

12,568. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. John Betts?—Yes.

12,569. For your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.
12,570. Anything else?—No, no more.

S. T. Spain.

STEPHEN THOMAS SPAIN sworn and examined.

12,571. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Cemetery Road.
12,572. What are you?—A labourer.
12,573. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

12,574. Who from?—Mr. Potts.
12,575. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
12,576. That is all you got, is it?—Yes.

T. Matthews.

THOMAS MATTHEWS sworn and examined.

12,577. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—11, St. George's Place.
12,578. What is your occupation?—A carpenter.
12,579. What did you get at the election?—5*l.*; for helping Mr. Ramell in the carpentry work.
12,580. Did Mr. Ramell give it you?—Yes.
12,581. Did he engage you to help him?—He did.
12,582. Did he engage you to do work for him for that exact sum?—I made some stretchers, and repaired

stretchers for canvasses, and boards, and other jobs besides. I continually kept working for him.
12,583. Did he engage you for 5*l.* or did you send in your bill?—No bill at all, he came and paid me the money.
12,584. Before you did the work, did he arrange with you what you were to have?—Yes.
12,585. He came and said, "I will give you 5*l.* to do " what " ?—If I helped him, and my vote.
12,586. That is all you got?—Yes, that is all.

C. Hall.

CHARLES HALL sworn and examined.

12,587. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Walmer Road, Cambridge Place.
12,588. What are you?—A boatman.
12,589. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,590. Who from?—William Bullen of the "Lord Clyde."
12,591. I suppose that was for your vote?—Yes.
12,592. Was that all you got?—Yes.

E. Tapley.

EDWARD TAPLEY sworn and examined.

12,593. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Jews Harp Alley.
12,594. What is your occupation?—A boatman.
12,595. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* 13*s.*

12,596. You are one of the forty-two?—Yes.
12,597. Did you get anything else?—I had something like 20*s.* or 30*s.* for putting up flags.
12,598. Anything more?—Nothing more.

G. Stunt.

GEORGE STUNT sworn and examined.

12,599. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—11, Robert Street.
12,600. What is your occupation?—A bricklayer.
12,601. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,602. Who from?—Norris.
12,603. For your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
12,604. Did you get anything else?—No.

T. Bullen.

THOMAS BULLEN sworn and examined.

12,605. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Walmer Road.
12,606. What is your occupation?—A boatman.
12,607. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,608. Who from?—William Bullen.
12,609. Is that all you got?—That is all.
12,610. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes, for my vote.

A. Rogers.

ALEXANDER ROGERS recalled and further examined.

12,611. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Were you examined yesterday?—Yes.
12,612. Who did you get the money from?—I got the 3*l.* from Mr. Phillip of Walmer Road.

12,613. And nothing from anybody else?—Not a penny.

W. Beecham.

WILLIAM BEECHAM sworn and examined.

12,614. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—3, York Road, Walmer Road.
12,615. What is your occupation?—A channel pilot.
12,616. What did you get?—2*l.* 10*s.*
12,617. What was that for?—Well, loss of time and travelling 300 miles.
12,618. Where did you come from?—From Salcombe to Portsmouth and Portsmouth home to Deal.
12,619. Who asked you to come?—It was our inclination to come if we could get home to give a vote if we had one.
12,620. But did not somebody ask you to come, or tell you to come?—No, nobody told me to come.
12,621. But did you not get a message from somebody, or a letter?—Well, yes, there was a letter, from here, at Walmer, that if it would suit our purpose to get home, to come.
12,622. And you came here and gave your vote, did you?—Yes.
12,623. Who did you get the 2*l.* 10*s.* from?—From Mr. David Axon.

12,624. What were the expenses coming from Salcombe—the actual expenses?—I come in my boat from Salcombe to Portsmouth, and from Portsmouth, by train, home to Deal.
12,625. What is the fare from Portsmouth to Deal?—I did not pay anything. I had nothing to do with paying anything of the sort.
12,626. You had 2*l.* 10*s.* to put in your pocket?—I had 2*l.* 10*s.* given to me about a week or ten days after I came back from sea again.
12,627. You were 2*l.* 10*s.* the richer for it?—Oh no, I cannot say that, because if I had stopped where I had my occupation I might have made more perhaps if I got a ship.
12,628. Perhaps you might?—Yes, that would have been more benefit to me than coming home to give my vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
12,629. You received your expenses over and above the 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.
12,630. Your railway fare was paid for you?—Yes.
12,631. That 2*l.* 10*s.* is all you got?—That is all I got.

CHARLES N. ROBERTS sworn and examined.

C. N. Roberts.

12,632. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 5, North Sandy Lane.

12,633. What is your occupation?—A stoker.

12,634. What did you get?—6*l.*

12,635. From two people, I suppose?—Yes, Mr. Charles Cox and Mr. Edward Grigg.

12,636. 3*l.* to vote one way and 3*l.* to vote the other way?—Yes.

12,637. And then I suppose you pleased yourself in the matter?—Yes.

12,638. Is that all you got?—That is all.

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GEORGE PEARSON sworn and examined.

G. Pearson.

12,639. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Walmer Road.

12,640. What is your occupation?—Channel pilot.

12,641. What did you get?—2*l.* 10*s.*

12,642. Did you come with the last witness but one?—I was on board of a ship during the election.

12,643. Who told you to come and vote?—I never gave no vote.

12,644. Have you got a vote?—Yes, but I was not at home to give my vote. I was on board a ship.

12,645. You stayed with the boat, did you?—No, I was aboard a ship piloting a ship up-channel at the time.

12,646. But you got your share?—I got my part what they received on the boat the "Petrel." I received my part with them.

12,647. Do you go shares with them in everything?—Yes, everything, whether ashore or whether afloat. If I was aboard of a ship and they got 100*l.* I have equal part with them, whether I was aboard or not. We all share alike.

12,648. It was only an accident that you happened to be on a ship?—Yes.

12,649. It might have been any one of them?—Yes; I was not at home to give my vote.

12,650. If you had not been on a ship you would have come and voted?—Yes.

12,651. And any of them might have been in your place instead?—Yes.

12,652. That is all you got?—That is all I got. I could not get any more when I was not at home.

WILLIAM MEAKINS sworn and examined.

W. Meakins.

12,653. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—202, Middle Street.

12,654. What is your occupation?—A boatman.

12,655. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* 18*s.*

12,656. You are one of the forty-two?—Yes.

12,657. Is that all you got?—Yes, barring a flagstaff.

WILLIAM WEBB sworn and examined.

W. Webb.

12,658. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—31, Gladstone Road.

12,659. What is your occupation?—A carpenter.

12,660. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

12,661. Who from?—Mr. Bullen.

12,662. Is that all you got?—Yes.

12,663. Was that for your vote?—Yes. I should like to have had 2*l.* or 3*l.* more.

JOHN LAGGETT sworn and examined.

J. Laggett.

12,664. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—34, Blenheim Road.

12,665. What is your occupation?—A shoemaker.

12,666. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,667. Is that all you got?—Yes.

12,668. It was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

12,669. Who gave it you?—Mr. Horne.

JOHN BULLEN sworn and examined.

J. Bullen.

12,670. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 44, The Strand, Walmer.

12,671. What is your occupation?—Channel pilot.

12,672. What did you get?—I got 3*l.*

12,673. Who from?—From my brother William Bullen.

12,674. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I do not think so.

12,675. Do not you know it was?—No.

12,676. Then let us hear about it?—I was detained ashore. I should have been to sea three or four days before if it had not been for the election and stopped at home of course for the election.

12,677. Did you get the 3*l.* before or after you voted?—After I had voted.

12,678. Were you asked to vote before?—No, not by any one.

12,679. If you had not voted do you think you would have got the 3*l.*?—If I had gone to sea, perhaps I might have got the 3*l.*

12,680. If you had not given a vote, do you think you would have got the 3*l.*?—Yes. I was working the same as what the others did; I assisted in working.

12,681. Suppose you had stayed at home, but not given any vote at all, do you think you would have got the 3*l.*?—I should have got something.

12,682. That very sum of 3*l.*?—It might not have been the sum of 3*l.*, but I should have got paid for helping, assisting in working in putting poles up, and taking the flags down at night and putting them up.

12,683. Were you engaged in putting poles and flags up and down?—Yes; I assisted.

12,684. But that is not what I asked; where you engaged to do that?—I was engaged as well as some of

the rest that assisted, but I received nothing for it but the 3*l.*

12,685. After the voting was over your brother gave you 3*l.*?—Yes.

12,686. Do you not know that your vote had something to do with it?—If it had not been for the election I should have been to sea.

12,687. I daresay; but if it had not been for the election, do not you know you would not have got the 3*l.*?—No. I would have stopped at home for nothing as far as that goes.

12,688. But if you had not have voted you would not have got the 3*l.*?—I should have got a part of it, and perhaps all.

12,689. You would have got part of it?—No doubt I should.

12,690. But not all?—No, I worked hard for what I got.

12,691. If you had no vote at all, do you think you would have received the 3*l.*?—I daresay I should not without my vote have got quite so much as that, but I worked for that.

12,692. Do you think you did 3*l.* of work?—Yes, and with my detention and loss of time.

12,693. But not without your detention and loss of time?—Detention and work. I consider that was honestly worth 3*l.*

12,694. The 3*l.* would be for two things, detention and work?—Yes.

12,695. How much do you say would be for detention and loss of time, and how much for work; half-a-half?—Yes, half-and-half.

12,696. Is that all you had?—That is all I had, which I considered I earned.

J. Farrier.

JOHN FARRIER sworn and examined.

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12,697. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 2, Alexander Cottages.

12,698. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

12,699. What did you receive?—3*l.*, from Mr. Potts.
12,700. For your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
12,701. Anything else?—Nothing else.*S. Maxwell.*

SAMUEL MAXWELL sworn and examined.

12,702. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—I am a publican.

12,703. What is your house?—The "Royal Marine," 15, Gladstone Road.

12,704. What did you get at the election?—8*l.*12,705. How was that?—5*l.* for a room.12,706. 5*l.* for a committee room?—Yes.

12,707. Who took it?—Mr. Olds, and he paid the money for that.

12,708. What was the other 3*l.* for?—For my vote.

12,709. Who gave you that?—Mr. Horne.

12,710. Anything else did you have?—Nothing else.

12,711. Did anybody come to your committee room during the course of the election?—I never saw anyone there, but the room was there for them.

12,712. If they wanted to have it the room was there?—Yes.

12,713. But they did not want to have it?—Well it was kept for them all the time during the election.

H. W. Clayson.

HAYLOB WILLIAM CLAYSON sworn and examined.

12,714. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—5, New Street.

12,715. What is your occupation?—A shoe maker.

12,716. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* for the hire of a room.

12,717. Where is the room?—Over the shop.

12,718. Who hired it?—Mr. Outwin.

12,719. When did he hire the room?—During the election week for the display of the bills.

12,720. The room was to be used for the display of bills?—Yes.

12,721. Outside?—Yes.

12,722. Did anybody ever come to the room?—They brought the bills.

12,723. And they were put up outside the window, and so on?—Yes.

12,724. No other use was made of the room?—No?—

12,725. When was the 3*l.* paid you?—On the election day.

12,726. Before you voted?—I did not receive the money, it was paid to my wife. The room was hired off her.

12,727. You are a voter, of course?—Yes; but I knew nothing of the transaction. I was away from home when the room was hired.

12,728. But were not you at home any part of the time?—Yes.

12,729. You saw the bills up?—Yes. I thought it was a legal affair.

12,730. You were home the election day, of course, or you could not have voted?—Yes.

12,731. And you knew your wife received the 3*l.*?—Yes. I thought it was a legal transaction.12,732. Did Mr. Outwin agree with you for 3*l.*?—No price was agreed on.

12,733. He simply took the room?—Yes, and required a bill sent to the committee.

12,734. On the election morning he paid you 3*l.*?—The election afternoon; not me, my wife. Mr. Gibbons paid the money.12,735. Was that before you voted?—I could not say.
12,736. At any rate, it was on the election day?—Yes.12,737. What is the rent of your house?—About 10*l.*12,738. 3*l.* is rather a large rent for a week?—Yes, I thought so.12,739. 3*l.* for the outside of one room for a week; it is going on for four months rent of your house?—It was very good pay, I will acknowledge that.

12,740. I think your vote had something to do with it?—It might. I am rather inclined to think it had, but I had no idea of it at the time; not the slightest.

G. W. Finnis

GEORGE WELLS FINNIS sworn and examined.

12,741. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—11, Farrier Street.

12,742. What are you?—A sailmaker.

12,743. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,744. From whom?—Alfred Norris.

12,745. That was for your vote?—I believe it was.

12,746. Did you get anything else?—No.

W. Whitnall.

WILLIAM WHITNALL recalled and further examined.

12,747. (*Mr. Holl.*) You were examined yesterday?—Yes, I was.

12,748. Who did you get your money from?—Mr. Bales.

12,749. You got some money from Mr. Potts, as well?—Yes.

J. Ferris.

JOHN FERRIS sworn and examined.

12,750. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—19, Gladstone Road.

12,751. What is your occupation?—I am a pensioner.

12,752. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,753. From whom?—Mr. Horne.

12,754. Is that all you got?—Yes.

12,755. And that 3*l.* was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.*T. Hawkes.*

THOMAS HAWKES recalled and further examined.

12,756. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Were you examined yesterday?—Yes, I was, and I do not know at all why I am here to-day.

12,757. Who gave you your money?—Mr. Benjamin Wood.

12,758. You had it from more than one person, did not you?—I only had it from one.

12,759. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did not Mr. Pritchard promise you some money?—Yes, he promised it, but I never had it.12,760. (*Mr. Jeune.*) That is why you are here a second time. You got a promise and payment, but that is not quite so good as two payments?—No, of course not.

12,761. Still you had a promise?—Yes, but I never had the money.

WILLIAM RICHARD GOODCHILD sworn and examined.

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12,762. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—19, Middle Street.

12,763. What is your occupation?—I drive the mail cart.

12,764. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*, from Mr. Spears.

12,765. That was for your vote, was it?—Yes; and my

master, he gave me 3*l.* He said he had 3*l.* to give to me and he gave it to me, and I thanked him for it.

12,766. Did you get anything else?—No.

12,767. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did Mr. Joe Brown go away with you on your mail cart?—No, I have never seen him for a long time. He did not go with me. The people said I had taken him away in my cart, but I did not take him.

JOHN GARDINER sworn and examined.

J. Gardiner.

12,768. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—171, Beach Street.

12,769. What is your occupation?—A baker.

12,770. What did you get in the election?—3*l.*, from Mr. Chittenden.

12,771. And anything from anybody else?—No.

12,772. That 3*l.* was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

STEPHEN FILES sworn and examined.

S. Files.

12,773. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—4, Durham Place.

12,774. What are you?—A carpenter.

12,775. What money did you receive in the election?

—3*l.* off Mr. Warner at the "Cinque Port Pilot." After that I had 3*l.* left at my house from Henry Spears.

12,776. I suppose that those two payments were something to do with your vote?—I believe they were.

12,777. Was that all?—That was all.

RICHARD SHARP sworn and examined.

R. Sharp.

11,778. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—19, Union Street.

12,779. What are you?—A carpenter.

12,780. What did you receive in the election?—4*l.*

12,781. From whom?—William Norris.

12,782. Any more?—Yes, 3*l.*

12,783. From whom?—Mr. Rea.

12,784. Edward Rea is that?—Yes, Rea at the "Fountain."

12,785. And I suppose they both wanted you to vote for them?—I suppose so.

12,786. And I suppose you pleased one and not the other?—The money was offered me, it was tempting, and I took it. I could not resist the temptation.

12,787. That was all you had, was it?—No, I had 3*l.* from Mr. Warner.

12,788. What? A third bribe?—Yes. I come to tell you the truth, gentlemen.

12,789. Well, it is rather lucky I put the question directly to you?—Well, it was. The money was very tempting to me.

12,790. So you were twice bribed on one side, and once on the other?—Well, I do not know about bribing.

12,791. I do?—No doubt you do, sir, but that is the truth.

12,792. Well, I think you are the only man who has succeeded in getting three bribes, as far as I can make out?—Not according to the paper.

12,793. Is that all you got?—That is all. It was the first time, and it will be the last. It was the first time I ever received any money, and I hope it will be the last.

12,794. You got one 3*l.* from Mr. Rea at the "Fountain"?—I got it from the "Fountain," a man paid me I had not seen before.

12,795. So you got two from the Conservatives, and one from the Liberal?—Two from the Liberals, and one from the Conservatives.

12,796. And which way did you vote?—I voted by the ballot.

12,797. But how did you vote?—It is secret voting.

12,798. But I want to know how?—I cannot tell you.

12,799. But you must?—Well, I voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

12,800. That was the side you had the two bribes from?—The side as was the heaviest.

WILLIAM TYLER sworn and examined.

W. Tyler.

12,801. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—In Park Street.

12,802. What is your occupation?—A tailor.

12,803. What did you get?—3*l.*

12,804. Who from?—From Mr. Alfred Norris.

12,805. Is that all you got?—Yes.

12,806. You voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

WILLIAM WRATTEN sworn and examined.

W. Wratten.

12,807. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—49, West Street.

12,808. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

12,809. What did you get?—3*l.* of Mr. George Porter.

12,810. Was that all you got?—No.

12,811. What else did you get?—4*l.* 10*s.* of Charles Cox.

12,812. Both of those payments were for your vote?—Yes, so far as I know.

12,813. Did you get anything else?—No.

THOMAS WEBB sworn and examined.

T. Webb.

12,814. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—King Street, Lower Walmer.

12,815. What is your occupation?—Gardener.

12,816. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

12,817. For voting I suppose?—Yes.

12,818. Who gave it you?—Mr. Huson.

12,819. Was that all you got?—That is all I got, and very sorry I am I got that.

ALLEN BOWLES sworn and examined.

A. Bowles.

12,820. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—8, Oak Street.

12,821. What is your occupation?—A shoemaker.

12,822. What did you get at the election?—6*l.*

12,823. From two people, I suppose?—Yes.

12,824. Who were they?—Alfred Norris, the tinman,

gave me 3*l.*, and Edward Rea of the "Fountain" gave me 3*l.*

12,825. Both those payments were for your vote, or the chance of getting it?—I suppose it was.

12,826. Is that all you got?—That is all.

R. Willson.

RICHARD WILLSON recalled and further examined.

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12,827. (*Mr. Holl.*) You were examined yesterday?—Yes.

12,828. You got money from two people?—Yes; one was after the election.

12,829. Never mind about that, you got some money from Mr. George Potts, did you not?—No.

12,830. Who from?—Gibbons and W. Hayman.

12,831. You told us about Hayman yesterday?—And Gibbons as well.

12,832. You got something from Mr. George Potts; did you not?—No.

12,833. Is there another Richard Wilson?—There was another Wilson, but he was killed this morning by a threshing machine.

12,834. Was he a voter at the election?—I believe he was.

12,835. Do you know his Christian name?—I do not.

12,836. Where did he live?—Somewhere about Griffin Street.

J. Rogers.

JOHN ROGERS sworn and examined.

12,837. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 4, Sunnyside.

12,838. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

12,839. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* from Mr. Ralph.12,840. And what else?—4*l.* from Mr. Norris.

12,841. And both those payments were for your vote?—I cannot say; Mr. Crompton Roberts was my vote.

12,842. That was the way it went?—Yes.

12,843. And the other people lost their money?—Yes.

12,844. Is that all you got?—Yes.

E. Powell.

EDWARD POWELL sworn and examined.

12,845. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Popeshole.

12,846. What is your occupation?—A carpenter.

12,847. What did you get?—Nothing.

12,848. You seem to be about the only person here who has not; do you really mean that you received nothing at the election?—Yes.

12,849. From nobody?—No one.

12,850. Were you employed in the election?—No.

12,851. Did anybody promise you anything?—No.

12,852. Did anybody talk to you about your vote?—Yes.

12,853. Did Mr. Pritchard?—No.

12,854. Who did?—Several asked me.

12,855. And did anybody tell you they would see you got something or would look after you?—I see my name in the paper that Mr. Pritchard has got me down as a bribed man, but I have received not one farthing from Mr. Pritchard or had any conversation with Mr. Pritchard not two words about the election, for I have never spoken to that man about the election.

12,856. But before the election?—No, not before or after.

12,857. Before the election are you quite certain Pritchard did not come to you?—Quite certain.

12,858. Have you got a wife?—Yes.

12,859. Did Mr. Pritchard talk to your wife?—No.

12,860. Are you quite sure?—Quite sure. I have come here to tell you the truth.

12,861. And he never talked to your wife?—No, he never did talk to my wife. Mr. Hawkes has been twice, and that is why I stated this to you, so that I should not be pulled down to-morrow and lose time, because loss of time is loss of money.

12,862. (*Mr. Holl.*) Mr. Hawkes did have a promise?—I had not; I speak for myself alone.

12,863. Is there anybody of your name that you know—any other Edward Powell?—Not that I know of. There

is a Powell, I think, in Deal, but I do not know whether it is Edward.

12,864. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Mr. Pritchard says he promised you something for voting?—He did not.

12,865. He says so?—Of course then it lies with you gentlemen on my side and his to prove it; you are here on this occasion.

12,866. (*Mr. Holl.*) We are only explaining to you how you came to be called?—I explain to you gentlemen he has never broke breath to me about election affairs at all, neither great nor small, and I am on my oath.

12,867. I am sorry you have been summoned if that is so; but we could not tell you that until you came?—I will tell you the truth.

12,868. I am sorry you have had the trouble?—Mr. Pritchard has never spoke to me.

12,869. (*Mr. Jeune.*) By making all these kind of assertions you rather throw doubt on your own statement; it is not necessary to make such violent assertions about it?—It would make you angry if you knew it was wrong.

12,870. You do yourself no good by these kind of assertions. Mr. Pritchard has been here and said he promised you something for your vote; can you account for his having made a mistake of that kind if it is a mistake?—No, I cannot, without he has made a mistake and drew the money for me and put it in his own pocket and forgot to pull it out again.

12,871. That does you no good?—It does not do me no harm.

12,872. I do not know about that; it does you harm to make imputations of this kind, which in this case are entirely unfounded. Mr. Pritchard never had that money, and therefore could not have put it in his own pocket?—Well, I never promised him.

12,873. You are certain of that?—I am certain of that.

12,874. Well, we shall have very likely to see Mr. Pritchard about it and get at what the truth is?—Very well, sir.

R. Hughes.

ROBERT HUGHES sworn and examined.

12,875. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Have you been examined before?—Yes.

12,876. I suppose you had money from two people?—Yes.

12,877. Who are your two friends who gave you the money?—I had 3*l.* from Mr. Bales and 4*l.* from Mr. Norris.*C. Webb.*

CHARLES WEBB sworn and examined.

12,878. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Grove Street.

12,879. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

12,880. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

12,881. From whom?—Mr. Huson.

12,882. For your vote, I suppose?—Yes, I suppose it was for that.

12,883. And nothing else?—No, nothing else.

J. Murphy.

JAMES MURPHY sworn and examined.

12,884. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—47, High Street.

12,885. What is your occupation?—A bootmaker.

12,886. What did you get at the election?—Mr. Trigg gave me 3*l.*, a week after the election was over.

12,887. That was for your vote?—I suppose so.

12,888. Was that all you had?—I must tell you the truth, gentlemen, I am sworn to it. I worked for Mr. Trigg and depended on him. He knew I had Liberal sentiments once, but I changed my mind some

time before this and went over to the Conservatives. He wanted to get me to promise him faithfully not to vote for the Liberals, and I would give him an answer, but says he, I know it will be all right. I kept away from him for ten days after the election, and when we had money payments between us he gave me that 3*l*. more than he ought.

12,889. Is that all you had?—I received 3*l*. from the Conservative side and voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts. I did not promise Mr. Trigg, if I had I should have kept my word. If he had asked me, "Did you vote," I should have said, "No, I did not for the Liberal side."

JOHN HURREN sworn and examined.

12,896. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—6, Peters Street.

12,897. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

12,898. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

12,890. Who did you get the other 3*l*. from?—A gentleman, he was engaged in the election. He said he gave it to me freely out of his own pocket.

12,891. What is his name?—Bristowe, I do not know his Christian name, but I believe it is Henry Bristowe.

12,892. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you get anything from Mr. Miller?—Oh no, no one else.

12,893. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You got 3*l*. from Mr. Trigg, and I think 3*l*. from Mr. Bristowe?—Yes.

12,894. Do you know where Mr. Bristowe lives?—New Street.

12,895. No. 4, New Street, is it?—Yes.

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12,899. Who from?—John Bales.

12,900. For your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

12,901. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

JAMES MORRIS recalled and further examined.

12,902. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You were examined yesterday?—Yes.

12,903. You had money I suppose from two?—Yes, from Mr. Bales and Mr. Norris.

JAMES WICKES sworn and examined.

12,904. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—25, Middle Street.

12,905. What are you?—A waterman.

12,906. What did you get at the election?—3*l*. 13*s*.

12,907. You were one of the forty-two, I suppose?—Yes.

12,908. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

12,909. That 3*l*. 13*s*. was for your vote?—Yes.

PHILLIP FINNIS sworn and examined.

12,910. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—4, Farrier Street.

12,911. What is your occupation?—Sailmaker.

12,912. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

12,913. From whom?—Alfred Norris.

12,914. For your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

JAMES HALL sworn and examined.

12,915. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Walmer Road.

12,916. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

12,917. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

12,918. From whom?—Mr. Huson.

12,919. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

12,920. Did you get anything else?—No.

THOMAS CRIBBEN sworn and examined.

12,921. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 1, Beach Street.

12,922. What is your occupation?—A boatman.

12,923. What did you get?—3*l*. my wife received off Mr. Chittenden. I went to Mr. Chittenden's house to see him that morning, but he could not see me; he had not got the money.

12,924. He afterwards sent it to your wife?—I went along the town, another man gave me 3*l*. to go and vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts, and I went and voted for him. When I got back again Mr. Chittenden had been there, and given 3*l*. to my wife.

12,925. So you got it twice over?—I do not know whether she gave a vote or no.

12,926. It was a terribly bad action was it not?—It was a very good action, it was very needful, times were rather hard.

12,927. Who was the person from whom you got the 3*l*. to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Mr. Langley, the barber.

12,928. That is all you got?—That is all I got.

12,929. Or your wife?—My wife got 3*l*. and it done her good too.

JOHN AUSTEN LONG sworn and examined.

12,930. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Wellington Road.

12,931. What is your occupation?—A tailor.

12,932. What did you get at the election?—I had 5*l*. from Mr. Ramell, the painter.

12,933. What was that for?—I was engaged eight days myself and sewing machine, and a person to help me.

12,934. Did Mr. Ramell come to you and order some flags, or whatever it was?—He sent for me.

12,935. What did he say?—He asked me if I would work for him for a week. I told him I thought I could, but I should be forced to give in when the ship come up, and the ship did come up.

12,936. Did he say what you were going to be paid for that?—He said I had earned the money honestly, I had made the flags very beautiful, and he gave me 5*l*. for it.

12,937. You are a voter, I suppose?—Yes.

12,938. I suppose you voted that way?—Yes.

12,939. How many flags did you make?—I put 200 letters on the flags.

12,940. Did you make the flags as well?—I should think I made 40 flags.

12,941. Are you in the habit of making flags?—Being

a tailor I know how to sew. I put all the figures on the horsecloths.

12,942. Supposing that had been in the ordinary course of your business, what would you have charged for it. Supposing I came to you to-morrow and ordered the same sort of thing, what would you charge me?—I should charge you the same.

12,943. You would really?—Yes.

12,944. You may as well be candid with us. You really think, supposing anybody were to come to you to-morrow and order just the same thing, you would charge as much as 5*l*.?—Yes, I should.

12,945. It is a week's work?—But you must call it three people.

12,946. Did you do any other work during that week?—No, not a thing.

12,947. You and two other people were engaged?—I must explain to you. I was out of a situation for a week, and Mr. Ramell asked me as a friend if I would make the flags, and I said, "Yes, anything, I should be glad."

12,948. Who were the other two people?—The sewing machine, and a friend of mine.

12,949. And you had the 5*l*. between you?—I had the 5*l*.

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12,950. What did you pay your friend?—He did it gratuitously for me.

12,951. His labour was worth, I suppose, as much as yours?—Yes; it was a female.

12,952. It was rather hard, do you not think so?—No, I did not ask the man for it.

12,953. But that is exactly what it is. Now do you think, if you had not been a voter, you would have got

as much as 5*l*.?—I think I should have got 5*l*., and I believe any man in Deal would have given it to me for what I done. I worked from six in the morning till eleven at night most nights. And I must tell you I was never asked for my vote only by Lady Goldsmid. She called at my house Saturday morning, and I told her if I was in Deal on Tuesday I should give her husband my vote, but I did not expect I should be, as I expected the ship up.

B. S. Eastes.

BENJAMIN SILVESTER EASTES sworn and examined.

12,954. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—59, Middle Street.

12,955. What is your occupation?—A tinplate worker.

12,956. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

12,957. Who from?—*Mr. Alfred Norria.*

12,958. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

12,959. Did you get anything else?—No.

T. T. Goymer.

THOMAS TROTT GOYMER sworn and examined.

12,960. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—7, Jew's Harp Alley.

12,961. What is your occupation?—A boatman.

12,962. What did you get?—3*l*. 13*s*.

12,963. You are one of the 42, I suppose?—Yes.

12,964. There seem to be a great many more than 42. You got nothing else, I suppose?—2*s*. for putting up poles and being watchman.

G. Bailey.

GEORGE BAILEY sworn and examined.

12,965. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—14, King Street.

12,966. What is your occupation?—A boatman.

12,967. What did you get at the election?—3*l*. 13*s*.

12,968. You are another of the 42?—Yes.

12,969. Did you get anything else?—No.

G. Pettet.

GEORGE PETTET sworn and examined.

12,970. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—24, Middle Street.

12,971. What is your occupation?—A fisherman.

12,972. You got 3*l*. 13*s*.?—Yes, I had two 3*l*. 13*s*.

12,973. How did you get the second one?—I had it for my brother, and he would not have it after I got it.

12,974. Would he not?—No.

12,975. Did you offer it to him?—Yes; I put his name down on the paper unbeknown to him. I thought he would like to have a pound as well as the rest, but when I told him he would not have anything to do with it.

12,976. You thought it ought to be kept in the family?—Yes, so I kept it.

12,977. (*Mr. Holl.*) Is your brother E. C. Pettet?—Yes.

12,978. Do you say he never had anything?—No, not to my knowledge.

12,979. This 3*l*. 13*s*. which was his share in the money you kept?—He would not have anything to do with it. I did it unbeknown to him.

W. R. Cox.

WILLIAM RICHARD COX sworn and examined.

12,980. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—142, Middle Street.

12,981. What is your occupation?—A mariner.

12,982. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

12,983. From whom?—*Mr. Alfred Norria.*

12,984. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

12,985. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes, I suppose so.

G. Friend.

GEORGE FRIEND sworn and examined.

12,986. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—35, Gladstone Road.

12,987. What is your occupation?—A tailor.

12,988. What did you get?—3*l*.

12,989. From whom?—*Mr. Horne.*

12,990. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

12,991. Is that all you got?—Yes, that was all, but I was offered more. Lady Goldsmid and her friend offered me on the night before the election.

12,992. What did she offer you?—Her friend asked me whether I wanted anything, or whether he could do anything for me, and I told him no.

12,993. Somebody was with Lady Goldsmid?—Yes.

12,994. Do you know who it was?—No.

12,995. Was he a gentleman?—Yes.

12,996. What sort of a looking gentleman?—Rather a dark man.

12,997. Do you know his name?—No.

12,998. What did he say to you? Did he ask you whether he could do anything for you?—He solicited me for my vote, and I told him I had partly promised. Lady Goldsmid told me that she did not think I was at the meeting on Saturday. I told her, no. He asked me whether he could do anything for me.

12,999. A good looking gentleman, with a slight black moustache, was he?—I do not know.

13,000. Do you remember what he did look like—had he got a moustache?—I do not know.

13,001. Was he dark?—He was a dark man, that is all I know.

13,002. Have you ever seen him about in the town at any other time?—On the morning of the election, I think, I did.

E. Drury.

EDWARD DRURY sworn and examined.

13,003. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—West Street.

13,004. What is your occupation?—Bricklayer's labourer.

13,005. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

13,006. From whom?—*Mr. Bales* gave it to me, where I worked.

13,007. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

13,008. Did you get anything else?—No, not a half-penny.

13,009. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you get anything from *Mr. Minter*?—No.

13,010. Are you sure?—Quite sure.

STEPHEN BRISTOW sworn and examined.

S. Bristow.

13,011. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—6, Golden Street.

13,012. What is your occupation?—A boat builder.

13,013. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

13,014. From whom?—From Mr. Alfred Norris.

13,015. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

13,016. Did you get anything else?—Yes.

13,017. How much?—About 2*l*.

13,018. Who from?—From Mr. Cottew I got it.

13,019. What was that for?—That was for work done a week before the election, making flagstaffs.

13,020. Was the money well earned or not?—It was well earned.

13,021. You got 3*l*. for nothing, and 2*l*. for very little more. Is that all you got?—That is all.

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WILLIAM IRVINE sworn and examined.

W. Irvine.

13,022. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 10, Oak Street.

13,023. What are you?—A waterman.

13,024. What did you get?—I had 3*l*. given to me.

13,025. Who by?—I do not know the gentleman who

who gave it to me. It was at Mr. Rea's house, the "Fountain."

13,026. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes, that was for my vote.

13,027. Did you get anything else?—Nothing.

H. May.

HENRY MAY sworn and examined.

13,028. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 6, Gravel Walk, but my Register number is 11, Golden Street.

13,029. What is your occupation?—A bricklayer.

13,030. What did you get at the election?—I got 3*l*. on the morning of the election, 8 o'clock, to vote for Sir Julian Goldamid.

13,031. Who from?—Mr. Alfred Norris.

13,032. Did you get anything else?—I received 3*l*.

three days after from Mr. Ralph. I thought there was no harm in taking it.

13,033. That was to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.

13,034. Which way did you vote?—For Sir Julian Goldamid. I received that money on the morning of the election.

13,035. Mr. Crompton Roberts' money did not do much good in your case?—Not at all.

13,036. Is that all you got?—That is all.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

ELEVENTH DAY.

Saturday, 16th October 1880.

CHARLES BAKER sworn and examined.

C. Baker.

13,037. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A bookseller and stationer.

13,038. Where do you live?—Market Street, Sandwich.

13,039. What money did you receive in connexion with this election?—6*l*.

13,040. From whom?—Mr. William James Hughes of Sandwich.

13,041. How did you dispose of that money?—I handed 3*l*. each to two voters; here is a list of their names (*handing a paper*).

13,042. Did you receive anything more?—No, not anything.

13,043. Nothing at all?—No, nothing at all.

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HENRY HERON STROUTS BRISTOW sworn and examined.

H. H. S. Bristow.

13,044. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A pilot.

13,045. Where do you live?—4, New Street.

13,046. What did you receive?—9*l*.

13,047. From whom was that?—Mr. Olds.

13,048. How did you dispose of it?—I gave 3*l*. each to three voters, according to this list (*handing a paper*).

13,049. Did you receive anything more?—No.

13,050. Nothing more at all?—No.

SAMUEL LOYNS sworn and examined.

S. Loyns.

13,051. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A grocer and linendraper.

13,052. You carry on business where?—In Walmer.

13,053. Do you remember Sir Julian Goldamid canvassing for your vote?—He called to see me.

13,054. I suppose that was to canvass you for your vote, was it not?—I do not know what it was for—he did not ask me for my vote.

13,055. Do you remember Mr. Trigg canvassing you for your vote?—He came in with Sir Julian Goldamid.

13,056. Did not he ask you for your vote?—No.

13,057. You knew that they came to ask you for your vote, did not you?—No, they did not ask me.

13,058. Did you tell Mr. Trigg that you could not vote for Sir Julian Goldamid because you had a large order from Mr. or Mrs. Roberts?—No.

13,059. Nothing of that kind?—No.

13,060. Did you never say anything of that kind to Mr. Trigg?—No, never.

13,061. Do I understand you to say that although Sir Julian Goldamid and Mr. Trigg came to your place you did not think that they came to ask you for your vote?—They did not ask me for my vote.

13,062. Did not you think so? What did you suppose they did come for?—I did not know what they came for.

13,063. Really, do you mean that—a candidate comes round with a person who is canvassing with him; do you mean to say you did not know that they were asking you for your vote?—I never had anything to do with elections before. I never voted before.

13,064. Did not you know that they came to ask you for your vote and tried to get your vote from you?—No.

13,055. What did they come for?—I do not know.

13,066. Did they make any purchase of you at the time?—No.

13,067. Do you mean to tell us you do not know that they came to ask you for your vote?—They did not ask me for it, and did not say anything about my vote.

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13,069. Do not you know that that was the object of their calling?—No.

13,069. Did not you tell Mr. Trigg at that time or some other time when he spoke to you about voting for Sir Julian, that you could not because you had a large order from Mrs. Roberts?—No.

13,070. Did you have an order from Mrs. Roberts?—Not till after I had promised my vote.

13,071. When was it that you got the order?—I think it was upon the 14th.

13,072. To whom did you promise your vote?—Mr. Roberts.

13,073. When was that?—I do not know exactly which day it was, but it might be upon the 13th.

13,074. Can you remember?—Yes, I think it was.

13,075. You think that you promised your vote upon the 13th and you got the order upon the 14th?—Yes.

13,076. Are you quite certain that you never said anything of the kind I have suggested to Mr. Trigg at any time?—No.

13,077. Nor to Sir Julian?—No.

13,078. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Have you always supported Mr. Brassey in previous elections?—No, I never voted for anyone before, in my life.

13,079. Were you here when the contest took place in 1874?—Yes.

13,080. Had you a vote then?—No.

13,081. And you did not give it?—No, I was ill in bed.

13,082. Do you remember whether you got an order at that election for anything?—No.

13,083. You did not?—No.

13,084. Nothing from either side?—No.

13,085. You supplied nothing?—No.

13,086. Did you hang out flags or placards at your house at that election?—No.

13,087. You took no part in it?—No.

13,088. Were you here in 1868?—No.

13,089. Was not there a bye-election between 1874 and 1880?—Yes.

13,090. Were you here then?—Yes.

13,091. Did you vote?—No.

13,092. Did you get an order?—No.

13,093. Or placard your house?—No.

13,094. Do you remember Sir Julian Goldsmid coming and canvassing you?—Yes, he came to my shop with Mr. Trigg.

13,095. Did you say to Sir Julian Goldamid, "If you come to Walmer I hope you will not forget the house of Loyne"?—No.

13,096. You did not say that?—No, I did not.

13,097. Did you say anything to that effect?—No, I said I should be very pleased to serve him if he came to Walmer.

13,098. Did he say, "That is a kind of promise I never make"?—No, he did any reply to it at all in any way.

13,099. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

13,100. I do not mean those particular words, but to that effect?—No, he did not say anything about it at all.

13,101. Did you put it to him that you wanted something to support him?—No.

13,102. Or suggest it in any way?—No.

13,103. Was it the case that at that time you were exhibiting blue colours in any way?—No, not in any way.

13,104. Sir Julian Goldsmid has said that your children were wearing blue bows; was that so?—They were not put on on account of the election; they may have had blue in their dresses for months before.

13,105. At that time when he called upon you he says that your children were wearing blue bows?—I would not say that there was no blue upon the children's dresses, but the children were dressed as they always are, and had been for months before.

13,106. You were not exhibiting blue from your house conspicuously?—No; not in any way.

13,107. Then a day or two afterwards, Sir Julian Goldsmid says you had enormous Conservative flags out of the window, and red bills?—I had no bills at all.

13,108. Had you any flag outside?—Yes, some days afterwards.

13,109. When was that put up?—Some days afterwards.

13,110. You see Sir Julian Goldsmid suggests that you changed your opinion; that having been a Liberal?—I never was a Liberal.

13,111. Listen to the question; Sir Julian Goldsmid suggests that you, having been a Liberal, changed your opinion and went Conservative because you received an order from Mr. Roberts or Mrs. Roberts; is that true or not?—It is not true; the only order we got was 5s. 6d., for articles which Mrs. Roberts paid herself.

13,112. You say the suggestion of Sir Julian Goldsmid is unfounded?—Yes, I do.

13,113. (*Mr. Holl.*) You have sent in a claim, I think?—Yes, we had an order.

13,114. To the amount of 30l. or 35l.?—Yes.

13,115. You had an order for goods from them to the amount of 35l.?—Yes, it was more than that altogether.

13,116. You had a flag hanging out of your house during the latter days of the election?—Yes.

13,117. Had you that flag out when Sir Julian canvassed you upon the 13th?—No.

13,118. You say you did ask him for his custom?—I said to him, as I should say to anybody else that I knew was coming down here; I did not say so because I was going to support him.

13,119. What was it you did say?—That if he came to Walmer I should be very pleased to serve him.

13,120. You say you do not remember his saying that was not the kind of promise he ever made?—He did not reply to it at all.

13,121. You do not remember anything of that kind?—No.

13,122. Will you undertake to say that your children had not blue bows upon their dresses that day?—I would not say really, because I do not know what they had on.

13,123. You would not say whether they had or not?—No, but certainly they were not put on specially. I am quite certain of that.

E. Cornwell.

EDWARD CORNWELL recalled and further examined.

13,124. (*Mr. Holl.*) There is a sum of 14l. which you paid to Mr. Lowndes, and I think in your evidence you said that that money was paid to him for the purpose of paying a number of board boys?—I think that question was asked in this kind of way, "What is Goymer?" and I answered, "Goymer is chief clerk, and Lowndes had charge of the board boys," but I did not intend to convey in any way that he paid the board boys.

13,125. What did you give Lowndes that 14l. for?—Mr. Edwards told me that Mr. Lowndes would apply to me for 14l., and I was to give it to him. That is all I know of the transaction, and that was two days after the election.

13,126. Did you not know what it was for?—No, I did not at that time, but I have heard since what it was for.

13,127. I want to draw your attention to your evidence; you were asked, "There is Lowndes' account, 14l., what is that," and you say, "He was the principal man to attend to the board boys. Mr. Edwards told me to give him 14l., and I did so." I gathered from that that you meant that Mr. Edwards told you to give it to him to pay for the board boys?—No, it is not so; you

will find that Lowndes, name is down with Warner and Watts; it is not in my regular list. If you took it so I did not intend that you should imply anything of the kind, I can assure you.

13,128. Then the next question is, "He looked after the board boys during the election"?—Yes, and he had 5l. 10s. for his services.

13,129. I understand you to say he did look after the board boys?—Yes.

13,130. Was he the principal person to attend to them?—Yes, to attend to them and the messengers.

13,131. He told us yesterday that he did not pay them, but that you paid them yourself?—Yes, I paid them.

13,132. Then how was he the principal man to attend to the board boys?—Taking their names down, and keeping the time, and seeing that they went to the different stations.

13,133. Did he keep their names?—No, I do not think he did.

13,134. Did he take their names down?—Yes.

13,135. Did he keep their time?—Yes, he kept their time.

13,136. Do you mean that he looked after them?—Yes, and sent them to the different stations. Some had to go to Walmer and different parts of the town. Every day he had his duties to attend to in that way, and sent the messengers, and so on.

13,137. Are you quite sure he did that?—Yes.

13,138. Do I understand you to say that he attended to the board boys, but did not pay them?—Yes; I paid them.

13,139. Was he the principal person in attending to them?—Yes, he was.

13,140. Did he return you a list of the names of the boys, and the time they had served?—Yes.

13,141. And you paid them from that?—Yes, I paid them from that.

13,142. When was this 14*l.* given to him?—The second day after the election.

13,143. Did not you know at all what it was wanted for?—No. I met Mr. Edwards as I was going to pay the messengers, and he said “Lowndes will ask for 14*l.*, “give it to him.” That is all I know of the transaction.

13,144. Did you make no inquiry of Edwards what it was for?—No.

13,145. Nor of Lowndes?—No.

13,146. I see there are two sums of 25*l.*, and one you said you gave to Warner, who has been before us?—Yes, and the other to Watts.

13,147. What did you give the money to Watts for?—He had got a district committee room at the “Railway” inn, and wanted money on account of his committee room, and I think he repaid himself for his committee room, his own services, and other things as well.

13,148. Who told you to give Watts that 25*l.*, or did you give it to him out of the money handed to you?—He asked whether I could give him some money, and I inquired of Mr. Edwards whether I should do so, and he ordered me to give him 25*l.*

13,149. You asked Mr. Edwards whether you should give him any money?—Yes.

13,150. Did you ask Mr. Edwards how much?—Mr. Edwards told me how much.

13,151. He told you to give Watts 25*l.*?—Yes.

13,152. What did Watts say it was for when he asked

for it?—Only for generally the purposes of the election. He had a district committee room at his house.

13,153. That would not be more than 5*l.*?—I suppose he was to give in an account of what he had done with it afterwards.

13,154. Did you make no inquiry as to what he was going to do with this 25*l.*?—No; in fact, I did not consider it any business of mine. I was simply, I may say, an agent to hand the money over.

13,155. Did you know what he did with it?—I have heard since, in the hall here, what he has done with it; he seems to have got some in hand now.

13,156. Had you never heard before what he had done with it?—No.

13,157. Not till after he gave his evidence here?—No.

13,158. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You gave an account of this 14*l.* to Mr. Edwards?—Yes.

13,159. Did you tell Mr. Edwards how he had applied it?—Mr. Edwards told me to give 14*l.* to Lowndes.

13,160. Did he tell you to give it to him to pay board boys?—No, he did not tell me what it was for, because Mr. Edwards knew himself that I paid the messengers and board boys.

13,161. Therefore, as far as you know, Mr. Edwards did not mean this 14*l.* to go to board boys?—No, certainly not.

13,162. (*Mr. Holl.*) You handed in an account?—Yes.

13,163. Did you get your money from Mr. Edwards or Rose?—Mr. Edwards.

13,164. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you give Mr. Edwards an account of how this 185*l.* was made up?—Yes.

13,165. Was that the account that you gave to Mr. Edwards (*handing a paper*)?—Yes, and those pencil marks were put down at the time by Mr. Turner.

13,166. Is the 14*l.* included in the 124*l.* 2*s.*?—No.

13,167. What is it included in?—It is not included at all; the 14*l.* is a separate item.

13,168. You did not put down the 14*l.* in the account you gave to Mr. Edwards at all?—Yes, I did; there was another account afterwards. I considered that was my account simply, and Mr. Edwards said “You must put “the other account in,” and this is it (*handing same*). You will find it is all included there.

RICHARD GILLOW sworn and examined.

13,169. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A brewer.

13,170. Of Sandwich?—Yes.

13,171. Have you received any money in connexion with this election?—No, none at all.

13,172. From nobody?—No one.

13,173. Have you paid any away to any one?—Yes, very much so.

13,174. Have you written down the names and addresses to whom you have given it?—No.

13,175. Could you do that?—Yes.

13,176. How much have you paid away altogether?—I do not know.

13,177. About how much, 100*l.*?—No, not so much as that.

13,178. 50*l.* or 60*l.*?—Yes, I should think so, and over that.

13,179. Was that to persons for their votes?—No.

13,180. Not any of it?—It was for their votes, but it was not to any persons.

13,181. Who did you pay it to; what have you done with it?—I paid 60*l.* to one man.

13,182. Who was that?—Shall I write it down.

13,183. Yes?—That is the name (*handing a paper*); I can say it out if it is desired.

13,184. What is the name?—Mr. Nowers.

13,185. You say you gave him 60*l.*?—Yes.

13,186. What was he to do with it?—To get some votes.

13,187. It was to distribute for the purpose of getting votes?—Yes, that is is.

13,188. Was anything arranged as to how much was to be given to each person, or was it left to his discretion?—He did not know exactly how many he had got, whether it was a dozen, 13, or 14.

13,189. He said he had got a certain number; it might have been 20, I suppose?—You see I do not know what he did with it.

13,190. He came and told you that he had got a cer-

tain number of persons, and asked you to give him money to give to them, and distribute amongst them?—I asked him if he had got a dozen that he could depend upon, and he said he had.

13,191. And you gave him this money to distribute amongst them, and make them sure?—Yes, that is it.

13,192. What he did with it you do not know?—No.

13,193. Has he given you any list since of the names?—No.

13,194. Did he tell you the names of any of them?—Yes, he told me some of them, but I did not go into them. I did not ask him for any.

13,195. Is he at Sandwich now?—I expect so; I dare say he is.

13,196. Have you seen him this last day or two?—No, I have not seen him for a long time.

13,197. Have you any reason at all to suppose that he has left Sandwich?—No, I believe he is in Sandwich.

13,198. He could, I suppose, give us the list of names of persons he distributed it amongst?—Yes, I should think so.

13,199. Can you give us any of them?—I do not know anyone for certain.

13,200. Tell us whom you think?—Of course, I do not know if he gave it away.

13,201. Who did he tell you he had given it to when he told you he had got some persons?—The men who worked with him; the hands at the oil mills.

13,202. This was to distribute amongst the men at the oil mills who worked with him?—Yes.

13,203. Can you remember the names of the men he mentioned to you?—There was a man named Page; that is all I remember.

13,204. Do you know his Christian name?—No.

13,205. Is that the only one you can remember?—The fact is I know who worked at the oil mills, but I do not think he told me who they were.

13,206. You have no doubt, I suppose, that he could give the names of them?—No doubt.

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13,207. You have no reason to suppose that he is not there?—I am pretty well certain that he is there.

13,208. What is his Christian name?—I do not know.

13,209. Do you know his private address?—Strand Street, and I am told that his Christian name is Joseph.

13,210. Have you paid away any money?—Oh, yes.

13,211. To whom?—I do not know; I paid a lot away for refreshments, and all that sort of thing.

13,212. When did you pay this money to Nowers?—I do not know.

13,213. Was it before the election?—Two or three days; I will not say exactly because I do not remember, but I think it was two days.

13,214. At all events some days before the polling day?—Yes.

13,215. Did anybody suggest it to you; did you have any conversation with anybody about this?—Yes.

13,216. Who?—Mr. Terry.

13,217. What is his Christian name?—Edward Terry.

13,218. Where does he live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.

13,219. Did you have any conversation with anyone else?—No, I did not say a word to anyone else about it.

13,220. Did you have any conversation with anybody at all about it?—No.

13,221. Did anybody besides Terry know that you were going to do this?—No, no one I think.

13,222. You expected to be repaid, did you not?—Yes.

13,223. By whom?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.

13,224. What led you to expect that?—Because I thought he wanted to win the election.

13,225. Did anything occur between you and him, or between you and anybody?—No, I was working entirely on my own account; I had nothing to do with anyone.

13,226. Had you any conversation with Sir Julian Goldsmid about this money?—Not about this money.

13,227. Or any money?—No.

13,228. About your spending money to get votes?—No.

13,229. Nor with Mr. Edwards?—No.

13,230. Or Mr. Emmerson?—No.

13,231. Not with anyone?—No, it was only Mr. Terry that I spoke to.

13,232. Was any communication made to you; was anything said or done that led you to suppose he would repay you?—No, I went entirely on my own account.

13,233. Why did you give 60*l.* to Nowers?—Because I thought he would get about 12 or 14 votes for it.

13,234. Did he give you an idea of what sum he should require?—Yes, he said they would cost 4*l.* or 5*l.* apiece. I will not say that those were his words, but we had a conversation about it, and he led me to understand that.

13,235. Did you pay any other money at all away for the purpose of its being distributed amongst other voters to obtain their votes?—No.

13,236. None at all?—I do not remember anything more at all. I paid a lot of money away in treating people, and all that sort of thing.

13,237. I want to know first whether you paid any other money away to anyone yourself personally, or to anyone else for the purpose of its being distributed amongst the voters to influence the votes?—Not that I remember.

13,238. You do not remember anyone else?—No.

13,239. What other moneys did you spend at all?—I could not tell you to 5*l.*

13,240. Tell us as near as you can?—Well, you know I treated everyone I saw.

13,241. Every Liberal who had a vote?—Yes, if I thought he was going to vote Liberal, I gave him a glass of something to drink.

13,242. Did you authorise beyond that, or direct any treating at any public-houses; did you authorise any of the public-houses to supply beer or refreshments to any of the voters?—No, I had nothing to do with that.

13,243. Was your treating confined to yourself offering drink to people?—Yes, it was entirely on my own account.

13,244. Where did you treat them?—Well, everywhere.

13,245. At the different inns and public-houses about the place?—Yes.

13,246. Did you authorise anybody else to supply

them, or to treat them; did you give money to anybody else to treat anyone?—No.

13,247. How much do you think you expended, in round numbers, in that way, as near as you can form an estimate?—Well, I shall have to make a guess at it.

13,248. As near as you can estimate, what do you think you spent in that way?—I should think I spent 70*l.* or 80*l.* altogether.

13,249. In treating?—No, not in treating.

13,250. That is including the 60*l.*?—Yes.

13,251. That would be 20*l.* over and above the 60*l.*?—Of course I cannot tell exactly what I did spend, because I did not keep any accounts, and I was very liberal, and treated everyone.

13,252. How many do you think you treated?—100 or 200.

13,253. Did you spend any other money at all in any way connected with the election?—Not that I know of. I first bought a bow or two, that is all.

13,254. Nothing substantial that you can remember beyond this?—No. I bought a flag.

13,255. You gave no more money, directly or indirectly, than you have mentioned to be distributed?—No, I do not remember any more.

13,256. Are those all the persons you think you gave money to?—I do not think I gave to anyone else.

13,257. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When did you begin to take an interest in this election?—Directly Sir Julian Goldsmid came down to Sandwich, or to Deal rather.

13,258. You began to treat directly?—Yes.

13,259. You say that it was with Mr. Terry that you had a conversation about giving money away?—Yes.

13,260. Did he suggest to you to do it?—I asked Mr. Terry if he thought that the oil mills men could be got to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid, and he said he thought they could.

13,261. That was two days before the election?—It was before that.

13,262. What is Mr. Terry?—A hop merchant, I think.

13,263. You talked with him about who you could get?—Yes.

13,264. Who do you think would be the names of the people he thought you could get?—It would be the men who worked in the oil mills.

13,265. Anybody else?—We were going to get as many as we could, but we could not get any more.

13,266. Which were the people that suggested themselves to you, who could be, as you say, got?—Nearly every one in Sandwich, I think.

13,267. I daresay you may be accurate, and far be it from me to say you are not, but I think it is a little too general—what names suggested themselves to you as the sort of people to whom you would give the money?—I thought I was going to get a tremendous lot, but I could not get any more.

13,268. Upon whom did you and Mr. Terry agree as the sort of people you could get?—We agreed upon those men at the Oil Mills, and any others we might pick up.

13,269. Were any names mentioned?—No, no names were mentioned.

13,270. You are quite sure?—It is a funny question, but I do not know that I can answer it. I do not remember what I said to him.

13,271. I can easily picture to myself a little conversation between you and Terry?—We had a long conversation together.

13,272. He would say to you, "We must spend money," and you would say, "Who do you think you can get," and he would say, "The men at the Oil Mills who would number 10 or 12, and then there is so-and-so," and you would discuss whether he or they could be got. That is the sort of thing that took place?—Yes.

13,273. All I want is the names?—I cannot remember any names.

13,274. What was the sort of man you thought you could get?—It was the working classes we were going to get, if he could get them—in fact, any one.

13,275. How came Mr. Nowers to be called in to form the triumvirate—how did you bring him into the matter?—I sent for him.

13,276. Did Mr. Terry suggest Mr. Nowers, or did you suggest him?—I do not know which it was.

13,277. Both of you, perhaps, thought Mr. Nowers

the best man?—Yes, both of us—that is the best way of putting it.

13,278. Did you think of anybody besides Mr. Nowers? No, I thought Mr. Nowers would be the best man to deal with.

13,279. Did you think of anybody else?—No, because I only wanted to see one. I did not want to see any more.

13,280. Did you see anybody else besides Mr. Nowers?—No.

13,281. You sent for Mr. Nowers, and he came?—Yes.

13,282. And then you considered where the money should go, and how far it would go?—Yes.

13,283. Who were thought of then, as the people to whom the money should be given?—He gave me a list with 12 men upon it.

13,284. Mr. Nowers did?—Yes, and I told him that was not enough, I wanted more than that.

13,285. What did he do then?—He said he could not get any more then.

13,286. Did he get you any more afterwards?—No.

13,287. He never brought you any more?—No.

13,288. That is 12 men at 5*l.* apiece?—I suppose so, if he shared it equally.

13,289. You gave him 60*l.* upon the theory that they should have 5*l.* apiece?—Yes, that is it—to be divided amongst them.

13,290. You knew the regular price was 3*l.*?—That was 3*l.*, and 2*l.* afterwards.

13,291. You were going to pay money down?—Yes, I thought money down would be the best.

13,292. Mr. Nowers gave you a list, what did you do with it?—Tore it up—it was only a little strip of paper.

13,293. You gave 60*l.* to Mr. Nowers?—Yes.

13,294. Did you give any other sum away in the same way?—I cannot remember any. Of course I did not think I was going to be called. I cannot remember any.

13,295. But you see here you are; cannot you remember any more now?—I do not think there is any more.

13,296. I should think there would be some more?—No, I think not.

13,297. When everybody in Sandwich, in your view, was capable of being influenced, I should think there would be some more—60*l.* is rather a small amount to one man?—It was a pretty good lot out of my own pocket.

13,298. Having gone so far as 60*l.*, I daresay you went a little further?—Of course I used to go out and spend money every day.

13,299. Did you give money to any people besides treating them?—I do not remember any.

13,300. Just try. You were out on the prowl for voters?—I was out every day doing all I could.

13,301. Your opinion of the Sandwich voters was not a very high one—are you quite sure you did not give any one any money?—I cannot remember at the present moment.

RICHARD SMITH WYBOURNE sworn and examined.

13,326. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A brewer.

13,327. At Sandwich?—Yes.

13,328. Had you anything to do with the spending of money at this election?—Yes.

13,329. What did you receive?—18*l.*

13,330. From whom?—From M. Hughes, the grocer.

13,331. What did you do with that?—I spent it.

13,332. We want to know how you spent it; did you pay six men 3*l.* apiece?—Five men 3*l.* each.

13,333. That is 15*l.*; what did you do with the other 3*l.*?—2*l.* I returned to Mr. Hughes and 1*l.* he gave me for my expenses.

13,334. Have you got a list of the five men you paid 3*l.* apiece?—Yes (*handing a paper*).

13,335. You have not got the addresses, I see?—No, I cannot give them; I know the names.

13,336. Are they all voters?—Yes.

13,337. I see "R. S. Wybourne"; is that yourself?—Yes.

13,338. You kept 3*l.*?—Yes.

13,339. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where does Gibbons live?—The Chain.

13,302. Try and think whether you did not?—I cannot remember now any one.

13,303. Surely you must have done so?—I do not know who it is then.

13,304. Do you mean that there were several more, and you cannot remember the names. You did not confine yourself, did you, to merely treating—there must have been some cases, surely, where you were asked for money?—Yes I was asked. You know what canvassing is. I did not have anything to do with paying any more money away.

13,305. What strikes me is this: you were out canvassing; surely lots of men asked you for money?—Yes, and I told them I had not got it.

13,306. You gave some of them something?—I do not remember anything.

13,307. It does not strike me as being very like Sandwich if some of the people did not ask you for money?—Of course they did—lots of people who I asked for their vote asked me how we were going on.

13,308. In some cases did you not give them anything?—No.

13,309. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

13,310. You are quite sure that you did not give anybody any money?—I cannot remember giving anyone any money at this present moment.

13,311. If you recollect anybody you had better come again and tell us, because there are ways and means sometimes of finding these things out?—Anything you want to know I shall be most happy to come down and tell you.

13,312. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you give any money or promise any money, or have any conversation about money with Mr. Parker of the "Red Lion," Strand Street?—No; I do not think I spoke to Mr. Parker all the election.

13,313. You did not give him anything or cause anything to be given to him?—No.

13,314. Or to Robert Harrison?—No.

13,315. Or Stephen Pittock?—No.

13,316. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Does your father live at Sandwich?—At Woodnesborough.

13,317. Is that near Sandwich?—Yes.

13,318. Did he take any active part in the election?—Not in this one; what do you call an active part?

13,319. Well, you took an active part?—He did not do anything like I did.

13,320. You are sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

13,321. Did he hold any little conclaves with Mr. Terry, or anybody of that sort?—He did not see Mr. Terry, except he may have seen him in the street; he did not know anything about my business.

13,322. Do you know whether your father spent any money in connexion with the election?—I do not know.

13,323. Have you told us everything about the money you expended at the election so far as you know?—Yes.

13,324. You have told us all you know of money being expended for buying votes?—Yes.

13,325. You do not know of any other?—No.

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13,340. What is his Christian name?—That I cannot tell you.

13,341. Is the Chain a place well known?—Yes.

13,342. Then "H. Walker"; where does he live?—That I cannot tell you.

13,343. What is he?—A shipman.

13,344. (*Mr. Turner.*) You were one of the men that took 3*l.*?—Yes, I am one of the men.

13,345. Was that for your vote?—Yes, that was for my vote.

13,346. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then, "Finnis"; does he live in King Street?—Yes.

13,347. What is he?—He is a labourer and works for a market gardener.

13,348. What is Young?—A labourer.

13,349. Where does he live?—St. Peters Street, Sandwich.

13,350. (*Mr. Turner.*) I see your expenses are put down at 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

13,351. And you returned 2*l.*?—Yes.

13,352. According to that you are 1*l.* 6*d.* out of pocket?—Yes.

13,353. Not including the 3*l.* you received?—No.

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- 13,354. Did you receive any other money?—No, none whatever.
13,355. Or spent any other money?—I cannot tell you.
13,356. Yes, you can, I daresay?—I spent money, but I would rather not say.
13,357. We must have it?—I would rather not say; it was merely treating.
13,358. Treating voters?—Of course I did not stand particular whether they were voters or not; they might have been voters sometimes.
13,359. You thought they were?—Yes.
13,360. How much did you spend in that way?—A few shillings.

- 13,361. Tell me as nearly as you can?—5s.
13,362. Is that really all?—Perhaps not.
13,363. You must not trifle because you are on your oath. I want to know how much money you spent in treating people?—It would not exceed 10s.
13,364. That is all?—Yes, that is all.
13,365. That is all you received or spent at the election?—Yes.
13,366. (*Mr. Holl.*) Are you sure you do not know the address of H. Walker?—He is the son of Walker the painter, but I cannot say his address. I am told it is Fisher Street.

J. Bushell.

JAMES BUSHELL sworn and examined.

- 13,367. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—King's Street, Sandwich.
13,368. What are you?—A leather seller.
13,369. What money did you receive at this election?—7l. 10s., I think.
13,370. Who from?—Mr. Hughes.
13,371. That is Mr. Hughes the grocer?—Yes.
13,372. Was that in one sum?—No, I had it in several separate sums of 1l. or 2l. at a time.
13,373. What was it for?—For paying for refreshments.
13,374. To whom, voters?—Yes, voters, or anyone.
13,375. Do you keep a public-house yourself?—Oh, no.
13,376. But the money was to be expended in refreshments?—Yes.
13,377. Did you spend it in that way?—I spent some and left several small sums at different houses to be spent.
13,378. At public-houses?—Yes.
13,379. Did you render any account of it to Mr. Hughes?—Yes, every morning I used to go and see him and tell him it was spent, so that he might go himself and see whether I spent it.
13,380. And it came to 7l. 10s.?—I cannot be sure whether it was 7l. 10l. or 8l. I could not say to a few shillings.
13,381. And it was all for refreshments to be given to voters?—Well, I do not know. I did not stand myself when I went into a public-house whether voters or not. If I was asked for it I used to pay for some.
13,382. Without knowing how they were going to vote?—Yes.
13,383. Or whether they were voters?—Yes. I did not make any difference at all.
13,384. Did you pay any moneys away but that?—I think about 2l. 12s. or 2l. 13s., or something of that sort, I paid before I received any money. I paid it out of my own pocket.
13,385. Did you repay yourself out of the 7l. 10s.?—No, that was refunded to me by Mr. Olds of Deal, or Mr. Hooper of Sandwich. I cannot say which.
13,386. But at all events they did repay it you?—Yes.
13,387. How was that spent?—I spent it in refreshments.
13,388. Was this before the polling day?—Yes.
13,389. Had you any other moneys?—I was paid 10l. for helping the committee sometime after the election. That I knew nothing about. That was not mentioned to me before I was asked to help them canvass.
13,390. Were you a canvasser then?—No, I was asked to help them as much as I could. Money was

spent in refreshments, and in treating, as I say, but nothing was mentioned to me about being paid for my time, or anything of that sort.

13,391. You got your 10l. after the election?—After the election Mr. Hughes called on me and said, "We are going to have a settling up, and if I can give you anything for your expenses I shall be happy to do so." I heard nothing about it until the petition, and then Mr. Cloke gave it out in his evidence.

13,392. And he gave you 10l.?—Yes.

13,393. And you expected to get paid when you took to helping the committee, did you not?—Nothing was said about it.

13,394. But you thought it would be paid for your services; it was not to be for nothing?—I was asked for my vote by Mr. Hooper, and I told him I had made up my mind which I should vote for. I said, "I shall vote for the Conservative, and I do not want to be bothered any more about it by anyone." He asked me a few days afterwards if I was of the same mind, and I said I was, and I did not want to hear anything more about it, and he asked would I help him.

13,395. Did you expect anything?—Nothing was said about it.

13,396. But what was your mind about it?—I did not expect it.

13,397. But you took it?—It was put down, and I thought I had as much right to it as anybody else, and I took it.

13,398. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you canvass?—I was about getting all the information I could, and treating more than canvassing.

13,399. Then you did not canvass?—No.

13,400. And you took this 10l. when it was given to you?—Yes.

13,401. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Who did you say told you before the election to work for him?—Mr. Hooper.

13,402. What is Mr. Hooper?—A corn factor at Sandwich.

13,403. What did he tell you you were to do?—He asked me if I would go about among the voters to hear all I could, and to let him know what they were doing.

13,404. Did you have any canvass book?—No.

13,405. Did you make any return to him of the results of your operations?—No; at least I told him at the time. I merely pencilled down what I had spent for him to go and see himself whether it was spent or not.

13,406. You thought, I suppose, that you would get something for all your trouble, did you not?—No, I did not think that; leastways I thought if they liked to pay me for my time, but I did not expect anything as far as that goes.

13,407. (*Mr. Turner.*) But you were not surprised when you got the money?—No.

J. Brett.

JAMES BRETT sworn and examined.

- 13,408. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.
13,409. What are you?—A builder.
13,410. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
13,411. How much?—24l.
13,412. Who from?—Mr. Hughes the grocer at Sandwich.
13,413. What was that for?—For voters.
13,414. For eight voters?—Yes.
13,415. Have you a list of them?—Yes (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).
13,416. I see you have given us their addresses on this list?—Yes.

13,417. And the 24l. was for these eight men?—Yes, 3l. apiece.

13,418. And they took it for their votes?—Yes.

13,419. Did you receive any other money?—Yes.

13,420. How much?—11l.

13,421. What was that for?—For to keep the bills down at the public-houses. We did not want to swell the bills too much, so I used to go over-night and pay them.

13,422. Who did you get that money from?—Mr. Hughes, the grocer.

13,423. The money to keep the bills down at the public-houses?—Yes.

13,424. And you went every night?—Yes, and sometimes in the day.

13,425. Did you pay on account; because the 11l. would not go far?—No; a very little way.

13,426. What did you do with it then while it lasted?—I treated people, and left some money, 10s., at this house, and 10s. at that house for them to give away liquor; beer or ale.

13,427. And any other moneys?—Yes.

13,428. How much?—I received 10l.

13,429. Who from?—Mr. Cloke.

13,430. What was that for?—That was for my services which I rendered at the election.

13,431. Upon personal services?—Yes.

13,432. When did you get that?—The 15th or 16th of September last; this last month.

13,433. Had you been promised it beforehand, or promised something for your services?—No. I knew nothing about it until the petition at Sandwich; then Mr. Cloke gave it out in his evidence that there was 10l. for me, and then I went down to Mr. Cloke and he paid me, and I gave him a receipt for it.

13,434. Had you ever asked for anything for your services before?—No.

13,435. Is that all the money you received?—That is all the money I received.

13,436. 24l., 11l., and 10l.?—Yes. 9l. of the 11l. I spent before the election, and 2l. after the election.

13,437. The day of the election?—The evening after the election. After the election was over we were pleased

we had won the victory, and I had two sovereigns to treat anybody. They came and asked me for allowance, and I spent it.

13,438. Is William Brett any relation of yours?—Yes, my brother.

13,439. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When did you first hear that you were likely to be paid?—When the petition was on at Sandwich. That was the first time I heard of it.

13,440. Did you send in any claim before that time?—No.

13,441. By "when the petition was on," you mean after Mr. Cloke had given his evidence?—Yes. He gave it out in court that there was 10l. for Brett, and 10l. for Bushell, and I cannot mention the other two or three who were mentioned at the court. I forget about that; but after that, I went and got 10l., which Mr. Cloke paid me.

13,442. Before the petition was heard, and before Mr. Cloke gave his evidence, you had not heard anything about getting 10l.?—No.

13,443. You had not arranged with Mr. Cloke you were to have 10l.?—No.

13,444. You claimed it from him?—No. Mr. Hughes, the grocer, said he would make me a present if I assisted in the election, but he did not say what.

13,445. When was that?—Before the election took place.

13,446. He said that you should have something?—Yes, he said that he would make me a present.

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HENRY JAMES SLAUGHTER sworn and examined.

13,447. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A brewer's clerk.

13,448. At Sandwich?—Yes.

13,449. What is your address?—Market Street.

13,450. Did you receive any money in this election?—5l. from Mr. Cloke, about six weeks after the election.

13,451. What was that for?—For services rendered, I suppose. He said to me about six weeks afterwards, that for what I had done I should have 5l.; there was 5l. for me.

13,452. Did you render services during the election?—I was out and about all the time, like the rest, treating.

13,453. And paying for it out of your own pocket?—Yes, out of my own pocket.

13,454. How much money did you spend in treating?—7l. or 8l., I should think.

13,455. Did Mr. Cloke ask you to do that?—No.

13,456. What did Mr. Cloke ask you to do?—He did not ask me to do anything. I was on the committee, and I thought I would do the best I could for the cause.

13,457. Did you canvass?—In the public-houses. I did all my work there.

13,458. And you spent 7l. or 8l. in treating?—I did not know I was going to have anything.

13,459. But you spent that sum?—Yes.

13,460. You did it out of generosity, I suppose?—Just so.

13,461. And for the good of the cause?—Yes.

13,462. And after the election, Mr. Cloke said you were to have 5l.?—It was about six weeks after the election, and he said, "I have got 5l. for you." So I thought I should be a fool if I did not take it.

13,463. Have you ever told Mr. Cloke what you spent in treating?—Never.

13,464. Not when he gave you the 5l.—No.

13,465. But he knew you had been treating?—I cannot say what he knew. I never told him.

13,466. What did you think he meant by your "services"?—Because he knew I had been about a great deal; had been to different public-houses, I suppose; and he knew I had been working for the cause.

13,467. Your services, in fact, was this treating?—Yes.

13,468. On which you expended 7l. or 8l.?—Yes.

13,469. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive any other money at all?—No.

13,470. Did you pay any money to anyone?—No.

13,471. To nobody?—No.

13,472. Except what you spent in treating?—Except what I spent in treating.

13,473. You paid some of the public-houses did you not?—No.

13,474. Not any?—No.

13,475. Which Mr. Slaughter did that, do you know?—I cannot say.

13,476. Is there another Mr. Slaughter?—Yes, there are five voters of that name.

H. J. Slaughter.

JOHN HOBGEN sworn and examined.

13,477. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I keep the "Salutation" inn.

13,478. At Sandwich?—Yes.

13,479. What did you do in this election; had you any money given you?—I received 4l.

13,480. What was that for?—A committee room.

13,481. In your house?—Yes.

13,482. Was that all the money you received?—I think I received about 15s.

13,483. Did they use your committee room?—Yes.

13,484. Much?—Yes.

13,485. Did you put up placards there?—Yes.

13,486. I believe you received 15s. 4d. for refreshment?—Yes.

13,487. Was that for refreshments supplied to voters?—That is what they had at first starting.

13,488. And you have a claim for 3l. 1s. 9d.?—Yes.

13,489. What it that for?—For refreshments.

13,490. Refreshments supplied during the election?—Yes.

13,491. Who ordered you to supply them?—Mr. Coleman.

13,492. You have not been paid?—No.

13,493. Then all you have had is that you received 4l. for your room, 15s. 4d. for refreshments, and you have a claim for 3l. 1s. 9d.?—Yes.

13,494. Have you expended any other money?—No.

13,495. Have you sent in any other claim?—No.

13,496. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who took your room?—Mr. Coleman.

13,497. When he took it did he say anything to you about canvassing your customers or using your influence with your customers?—Yes.

13,498. And you agreed to do that, I suppose?—Yes, I did.

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13,499. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did Mr. Coleman tell you to spend some money in treating; to let people have drink?—Yes.
13,500. Anybody that used his name, was that it?—Yes; he told me I was to let anybody that came in his name have drink.
13,501. About how many did you let have drink?—I really could not say.
13,502. About; 100?—No; I cannot say when it ran on day by day.

T. A. Slaughter.

THOMAS ANTHONY SLAUGHTER sworn and examined.

13,507. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—New Street.
13,508. What are you?—I am a solicitor's clerk.
13,509. Did you receive any money in connexion with the election?—Yes.
13,510. How much?—I hardly know how much I received. The accounts were given to Mr. Cloke after I received the money. You see, actually I did not receive the money to pay, I simply did it to assist Mr. Cloke in paying.
13,511. Did you receive money to go round and pay the different public-houses?—Yes; he handed me the money and the receipts at the same time.
13,512. How many did you pay?—I think I paid about seven.
13,513. You paid seven public-houses 5*l.* apiece?—Yes.
13,514. Do you remember the names of them?—Yes. You have the whole of the receipts.
13,515. Yes; I do not think we need trouble you for the names?—I have just put them down from memory on this paper (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).
13,516. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you put down the sums you paid?—They were all at one rate, 5*l.* apiece.
13,517. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive any other moneys besides the sums you paid to the seven public-houses?—I paid the messengers. You have the receipts for those.
13,518. How much did you receive to pay them?—I cannot tell; I had it at different times, but I should think between 50*l.* and 60*l.*
13,519. How many messengers are employed?—About 40 or 50.
13,520. That is a great many?—Most of them were boys, and a great many of them put themselves on.
13,521. They were sons of voters, I suppose?—Not all; some of them were sons of voters.
13,522. But most of them were sons of voters?—Yes; they were put on mostly by the committee.
13,523. In point of fact, they were put on to give them something to do, and give them some money?—Yes. We had not more than we required; we required more sometimes.
13,524. You had 50; did you want 50 messengers?—Yes, and more than that sometimes. You see we received all our printing, our bills, from Deal. Sometimes there was a meeting here the same evening, and we had to send those bills round by these boys, so as to give people notice, or else we could not have got them down.
13,525. There are only 500 voters?—Yes, but they did not send to voters only; they delivered them all

13,503. 100, do you think?—I should think it must be more than 100.

13,504. You see it is about 3*l.* 15*s.*; how far would that go in treating, it would go over 100, would it not; 200 I think I might say?—Well you see, some of them came in many times.

13,505. About 100 perhaps?—Perhaps.

13,506. At any rate as many as came?—Yes.

round town, and sometimes we wanted those bills out in a very short time.

13,526. Do you mean seriously to say you wanted 50 messengers to take out bills in so small a place as Sandwich?—Well, I do not know whether we wanted them.

13,527. How many postmen are there to deliver all the letters in Sandwich each round?—One.

13,528. So one postman can do all Sandwich, and you wanted 50 persons to deliver these bills?—Yes, but then these boys would not work quite so fast, they would get playing about.

(*Mr. Holl.*) Of course they did not work so fast if there were 50 of them; they had nothing to do I should think, or very little. However, that is a sufficient answer for me.

13,529. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You did not engage the rooms did you?—I engaged about seven rooms, not all the seven I paid for, but I engaged I think about seven rooms altogether.

13,530. You did not pay the same ones that you engaged?—No, I did not pay them at the same time I engaged them. I gave an account of the rooms I had engaged and I afterwards received money to pay for these other houses besides.

13,531. You were a committee clerk I think?—Yes.

13,532. The central committee sat at the "Fleur-de-Lis"?—Yes.

13,533. Was there any other committee sitting at any other rooms?—I do not know.

13,534. Not exactly, I should think, were they?—They had meetings at almost all the houses. One night they had a meeting at the "Alma," and another night a meeting at another room. There was always a meeting every night, so they arranged they should be in different houses.

13,535. So the rooms were not used in any one house more than once, I suppose?—Some of them were used twice, I should think that would be about the most.

13,536. They were called committee rooms, but I take it there was no committee except the central committee?—Not that I know of.

13,537. (*Mr. Holl.*) There were 17 of these committee rooms altogether?—18 I believe.

13,538. And you did not use more than half at all?—I do not think so.

13,539. Excepting the central committee room you only used half the others?—They were used mostly for the display of bills, and every morning the boys were sent round to see the bills were up there.

J. W. Baker.

JAMES WALES BAKER sworn and examined.

13,540. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A draper.
13,541. At Sandwich?—No, Deal, and I represent Pointer & Co.
13,542. What money did you receive?—I have received none. I supplied goods to each side to an equal amount.
13,543. To what amount?—To 9*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* one, and 9*l.* 17*s.* the other.
13,544. For flags?—For flags and rosettes.
13,545. Is that all the moneys you have had to do with?—Yes.
13,546. Has your claim been paid?—One has the other has not.
13,547. Which has been paid?—The Conservative, Mr. Roberts.
13,548. And the other has not?—No.
13,549. You have sent it in?—I have.
13,550. Is that all the moneys you have had to do with?—Yes.
13,551. And all you had to do with the election?—Yes.

13,552. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where did the first order come from?—A small order came from Mr. Rose.

13,553. That was the Liberal side?—Yes, a small order.

13,554. And then did your little orders come dropping in, first from one side and then from the other, or how was it?—Yes, they were ordered as they were required.

13,555. How many on either side, several?—I think there were two orders from the Conservatives, and three or four from the Liberals.

13,556. You supplied as nearly as possible the same to either side. Were the amounts specified that you were to supply, or who found the amounts you were to supply on each occasion?—There was no specified amount fixed, excepting the Conservatives. On the Conservatives side it was not to exceed 10*l.*

13,557. And did the other side say, not to exceed 10*l.* too?—No.

13,558. Then how was it?—They ordered what they required.

GEORGE LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

G. Lawrence.

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13,559. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Royal Marine.

13,560. Do you live at Deal?—Yes, York Street.

13,561. What did you receive?—2*l*.

13,562. From whom?—Mr. Barnes, the "Cambridge Arms."

13,563. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

13,564. Did you receive any other money?—No.

JAMES REED sworn and examined.

J. Reed.

13,565. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A farm bailiff.

13,566. Where do you live?—Church Street, Walmer.

13,567. What had you to do with this election?—I voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

13,568. What did you get for voting for him?—I got nothing for voting.

13,569. Well, what did you get?—I received 5*l*. after the election.

13,570. Who from?—From Mr. Minter.

13,571. What for?—Assisting him as messenger and different things. We had a great many voters on the place and I tried to hold them for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

13,572. Before the election were you promised anything?—Mr. Minter never promised me anything.

13,573. Who employed you to do that?—Just before the election Mr. Minter asked me to do that.

13,574. Did he tell you you would have something for your services?—Not at all, he never promised me anything for my services. I was never promised anything.

13,575. You expected something?—I do not know that I ought to have expected to receive it.

13,576. You did expect something, did you not?—I have voted a good many times and never had anything, and done great services to them too—to Mr. Brassey and Mr. Hugessen.

13,577. And never had anything?—I had a few shillings the election before this, but not enough to pay my expenses and my trouble.

13,578. What did Mr. Minter say when he gave you the 5*l*.?—He called me as I was passing about three weeks after the election, and said, "You have done us very good service, now I shall give you 5*l*."13,579. You were not surprised when you got the 5*l*. were you?—I was not surprised—of course as he offered me money I was willing to receive it.13,580. (*Mr. Holl.*) How many voters did you canvass—20?—We had about 10 voters on the place.

13,581. And you canvassed each of them?—I tried all I could for to get them to vote for Sir Julian.

13,582. And that is all you did?—That is all I did. I never offered them anything.

13,583. Did you canvass anybody else?—No.

THOMAS HALL sworn and examined.

T. Hall.

13,603. (*Mr. Holl.*) You are a solicitor?—I am.13,604. You sent in an account did you not to Sir Julian Goldsmid's agent for a retaining fee of 50 guineas and for expenses 13*l*. 16*s*. 9*d*., expenses incurred by you with respect to out-voters?—Yes.

13,605. Did anyone promise you that retaining fee?—Not at all.

13,606. Had you any engagement?—When I say no one promised me, I mean to say that I was retained.

13,607. Who by?—By Mr. Edwards, and subsequently by Mr. Emmerson.

13,608. Could you tell us what Mr. Edwards said to you. Do you remember what passed between you and Mr. Edwards?—It was very simple. He said, "I understand the Liberal Association think you ought to be retained" (I think it was something of that sort) "therefore you may consider yourself retained"; I had previously conversed with Mr. Cornewall on the subject, and the fee was laid as being the same amount as I had received on a former occasion.

13,609. You had on a former occasion, years before, received the same fees?—Yes.

13,610. Now the 13*l*. 16*s*. 9*d*. Can you tell us how that was expended?—One payment—the largest one—was a sum of 7*l*. 5*s*., which I paid to Mr Laidlow for his expenses of his journey from Glasgow—his railway expenses.

13,611. What position of life is Mr. Laidlow in?—He is a large ironfounder, and the proprietor of the pier here.

13,612. He would come first class?—I suppose so, he said so.

13,613. He would be entitled to?—He gave me what he charged.

13,614. Did he give you an account of his expenses?—I will tell you exactly what he said to me. He told me he had paid his fare from Glasgow to London and back 6*l*., and from London to Deal and back 1*l*. 5*s*. With respect to the railway fare from London to Deal and back, I happen to know it is correct. With respect to the 6*l*. I could only take his word.13,615. That is sufficient with regard to that. That is 7*l*. out of 13*l*., what is the other part of it?—I paid 1*l*. 5*s*. to Mr. Allen for his expenses from London and back.

13,616. In what position of life is he, would he come first class?—He said so, and I took his receipt, and made them state the fact.

13,617. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You gave it him as his exact railway fare?—That is the exact railway fare first class.

13,618. And you gave it him as his exact railway fare?—Yes.

13,619. (*Mr. Holl.*) It was what he told you he had expended?—Yes.13,620. That is 9*l*., what is the ether made up of?—The remainder of what I have charged was paid in incidental and personal expenses in canvassing—payments for flags and carriages to various places.13,621. Your own expenses?—Yes. I paid perhaps 5*s*., or 6*s*., or 10*s*. a day, or something of that sort.13,622. Your own personal expenses for cabs, carriages, and that sort of thing?—Yes, and I took an account. I ticked them down there and then, the same day; sometimes 5*s*., and sometimes 7*l*. I do not think it ever exceeded 10*s*. or 15*s*.13,623. (*Mr. Turner.*) You received 15*l*. on account?—Yes, and gave credit for the balance.

R. Sawyer.

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ROBERT SAWYER sworn and examined.

- 13,624. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A grocer.
 13,625. In Deal?—Yes.
 13,626. Where do you live?—76, Middle Street.
 13,627. What did you receive?—3*l.*

- 13,628. From whom?—Mr. Erridge.
 13,629. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 13,630. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.

T. Hall.

THOMAS HALL recalled and further examined.

13,631. (*Mr. Holl.*) Were you at all aware of money being spent in bribing voters?—Only by repute. I totally disapproved of bribery altogether.

13,632. When did you first hear it, after the election or before?—I heard it when Mr. Roberts was canvassing, before Sir Julian came.

13,633. You heard it, I suppose, on both sides?—No, I did not hear of anything about Sir Julian, because he had not arrived.

13,634. Did you hear afterwards?—I heard afterwards that there was a good deal of bribery, but I set my face against it, and therefore did not listen much.

13,635. But you heard rumours of bribery on both sides?—Yes.

13,636. But have you any knowledge of it yourself?—I have no personal knowledge.

13,637. Did you yourself in any way countenance it?—No, not a shilling. I was advising altogether that

Sir Julian Goldsmid should not bribe at all, and if my advice had been taken he would have had his seat now, I expect.

13,638. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Who did you give that advice to?—Generally. Whenever I met any of the committee, it was a general observation of mine.

13,639. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Edwards on the subject?—I think not. I think he might have been present when I said it. I did not encourage the matter at all.

13,640. Had you anything to do with the management by the committee, the taking of public-houses, or the engagement of messengers, or anything of that sort?—None whatever. The out-voters' letters were sent to me for me to look after the out-voters, which I did. I wrote to them, and so on; that is all I had to do, and personally canvassing. Where I could prevail I tried to do so.

J. Richards.

JAMES RICHARDS sworn and examined.

- 13,641. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 13,642. Where do you live?—Middle Street, Deal.
 13,643. What did you receive?—3*l.*

- 13,644. For your vote?—Yes.
 13,645. Who from?—Mr. Philpotts.
 13,646. Did you receive anything else?—No.

T. Spears.

THOMAS SPEARS sworn and examined.

- 13,647. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 13,648. Where do you live?—82, Beach Street.
 13,649. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

- 13,650. From whom?—Henry Spears.
 13,651. Did you receive anything else?—Not one farthing.

J. Hayman.

JOHN HAYMAN sworn and examined.

- 13,652. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a labourer?—Yes.
 13,653. Where do you live?—Peter Street.
 13,654. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

- 13,655. From whom?—Mr. License.
 13,656. Anything else?—No.
 13,657. Was that 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

H. Waller.

HENRY WALLER sworn and examined.

- 13,658. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fish hawker.
 13,659. Where do you live?—8, West Street.
 13,660. Did you receive 3*l.*?—I received 7*l.*
 13,661. In one sum?—No, two different sums.
 13,662. How?—I had 3*l.* off one lot, and 4*l.* off the other.
 13,663. Off whom?—3*l.* off John Ralph, and 4*l.* off Mr. Patrick Harris.
 13,664. Was the 3*l.* for your vote?—For my vote.

13,665. And the 4*l.*?—I do not know; they gave it me after I came back in the afternoon, about half-past 2.

- 13,666. Mr. Harris did?—Yes.
 13,667. After you had voted?—Yes.
 13,668. Did he know you had voted?—Not as I know of.
 13,669. The polling was not over then?—No.
 13,670. Did you receive anything else?—No.

R. Garrett.

RICHARD GARRETT sworn and examined.

- 13,671. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I keep a public-house called the "Anchor," No. 8, West Street.
 13,672. What did you receive?—5*l.* for the hire of a room.
 13,673. Was that room used at all?—Yes, once.
 13,674. You put placards up, I suppose?—Yes, and people came in on their business.
 13,675. Did you receive anything else?—No, not a penny besides, only what they paid me at Sandwich for being subpoenaed over there.
 13,676. Did not you receive anything for your vote?—No, nothing at all.
 13,677. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Was your room engaged by Mr. Olds?—Yes.
 13,678. You say people came there once?—Yes.
 13,679. What did they come for?—For some writing; I do not know what their other business was.

13,680. Did you keep a room for them exclusively?—Yes; it was understood there would be parties requiring the rooms to come in and out, so I kept the room exclusively for them.

- 13,681. How many people came in?—Only two; both at one time.
 13,682. How long were they there?—Perhaps half an hour.
 13,683. What is the rent of your house?—15*l.*
 13,684. It was pretty good pay—5*l.* for one room for a week, was it not?—Well, I should like to have it every week.
 13,685. You do not often get 5*l.* for that room for a week?—No.
 13,686. You never have before?—No.
 13,687. Not since?—No.

W. Philpott.

WILLIAM PHILPOTT sworn and examined.

- 13,688. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A Channel pilot.
 13,689. Where do you live?—15, Silver Street.
 13,690. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 13,691. From whom?—George Philpott.
 13,692. Is he a relation of yours?—My son.

- 13,693. Was that for your vote?—For my vote.
 13,694. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.
 13,695. What was that?—3*l.* 5*s.* from George Pain.
 13,696. What was that for?—A letter came to the Isle of Wight, Shanklin, to proceed home immediately in the Albert Victor for the election.

13,697. Did that enclose the 3*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes, to take us off our cruising ground.

13,698. You got 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes, from my son, and 3*l.* 5*s.* from George Pain, of Alexander Cottages.

13,699. The 3*l.* 5*s.* was to come home?—Yes.

13,700. Did you spend that all?—Yes, and I should have spent some more if I had it, for I have been very unfortunate.

13,701. Where you piloting a vessel?—I was there for the purpose of piloting ships up Channel, or down, from there or anywhere else across.

13,702. Did you receive anything else?—No.

13,703. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is George Pain?—He is a Channel pilot; he goes in the Albert Victor lugger.

13,704. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where does he live?—Alexander Cottages, No. 4 or 5.

13,705. Is his name George Mockett Pain, No. 4, Alexander Cottages?—Yes.

13,706. (*Mr. Holl.*) You say he sent you 3*l.* 5*s.* to come home?—There was a letter came to Shanklin for us.

13,707. Enclosing the 3*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes, and saying we was to come home immediately for the election.

13,708. (*Mr. Turner.*) Anybody besides yourself?—Yes, there were six 3*l.*

13,709. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then there was 3*l.* 5*s.* each?—Yes.

13,710. Then altogether there was 19*l.* 10*s.*, was there; or how much was sent altogether by Pain?—I think it was 32*l.*; I will not be sure.

13,711. You think he sent you 32*l.*?—Yes.

13,712. What did the letter say you were to do with it?—Oh, there was no money sent. The letter specified we was to go home as quick as possible for the election.

13,713. And he would pay you 32*l.*?—He did not say he would pay us 32*l.* Pain received 32*l.*, I believe, after he got home.

13,714. What did he say in the letter when he wanted you to come home?—"Bear a hand as quick as possible for the election," and we left there and tried to get home. We could not get home no further than Seaford, so two of us came home by land; it blew so hard we could not get home.

13,715. The six of you came home?—Yes.

13,716. Did you all vote?—I do not know.

13,717. You voted?—Yes.

13,718. And then you say Pain got 32*l.*?—Yes.

13,719. Did he divide that among you?—Yes.

13,720. How?—3*l.* 5*s.* each.

13,721. That does not make 32*l.*?—That includes the boat.

13,722. How many shares did he divide it into?—Eight.

13,723. Then there was 3*l.* 5*s.* for each of the men?—Yes.

13,724. And 6*l.* 10*s.* for what you call the boat?—Yes, the boat takes two shares.

13,725. Why got that?—The boat owners.

13,726. Who are they?—I cannot tell you.

13,727. Do not you really know?—Pain is one, and I think Job is another. I do not know who the rest are.

13,728. They kept 6*l.* 10*s.* for what is called the boat?—Yes, and then there is the expenses. We victualled

and got fresh water at Shanklin before we got this letter, and when we got this letter saying, "Come home immediately for the election," we started that night, but it blew so heavy, and though we tried all we could to get home, we had to put in at Seaford.

13,729. How long were you going from where were to Seaford?—I think we started from Shanklin on the 14th.

13,730. When did you get to Seaford?—The election came on the 18th, and we got to Seaford on the 16th, I think.

13,731. You were two days going to Seaford?—Yes; it blew heavy.

13,732. And then you took the train from Seaford home?—Yes, took the train on the morning of the 17th.

13,733. What it cost the six of you to come from Seaford?—All six did not come; only two of us came.

13,734. (*Mr. Turner.*) Only two voted?—I cannot say.

13,735. But of your party?—The man and I voted that came home by train.

13,736. (*Mr. Holl.*) And only two came?—Yes.

13,737. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You and who else?—Me and Pain came by the train.

13,738. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then only two out of the six came to the election at all?—Yes, the rest had to look after the boat that night; it blew a gale of wind.

13,739. But did anybody come but you two to vote at the election?—Yes, there was another man, Job; he came out of some boat.

13,740. Where did he come from?—I no not know.

13,741. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Not out of your boat?—Yes, he was out of our boat; he got aboard of a ship coming up.

13,742. (*Mr. Holl.*) So, three out of the six came up and voted?—Yes.

13,743. And your expenses from Seaford for you two would not be more than 1*l.* between you, would it?—More than that; I think it was a couple of pounds altogether; eatables and drinkables and going ashore to sleep.

13,744. What is Pain's Christian name, the man who came up and voted, is the Pain you got the letter from the same man?—Pain was in the boat with us.

13,745. What is the name of Pain in the boat?—I do not know his Christian name.

13,746. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Is his name George Edward?—Yes, I think so.

13,747. Where does he live?—Alexandra cottages, I think.

13,748. Does he live in West Street?—No, down the North End.

13,749. Do both the Pains live in Alexandra Cottages?—Yes, I do not know whether No. 4 or 5.

13,750. You told us the Pain that wrote the letter lived in Alexandra Cottages?—He did not write the letter, it was sent down by some one; I believe Mr. Ralph sent it.

13,751. Ralph sent the letter to Pain, did he?—Yes, and we received it at Shanklin.

13,752. And Pain showed it to you?—Yes.

13,753. And he came up with you, and voted?—Yes.

13,754. What is Job's Christian name?—I do not rightly know his Christian name; William, I think.

13,755. Where does he live?—Griffin Street, I think.

13,756. That is all you received?—Yes.

JOHN HENRY WALLER sworn and examined.

J. H. Waller

13,757. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—39, West Street.

13,758. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

13,759. How much did you receive?—6*l.*

13,760. Who from?—3*l.* from Thomas Adams, and 3*l.* from Joseph Brown.

13,761. (*Mr. Holl.*) When did you get your summons?—I had one the night before last, and one last night.

13,762. Were you examined yesterday?—Yes.

13,763. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You got the first 3*l.* from Thomas Adams?—Yes.

13,764. Is there a Mr. Waller, who lives at 39, West Street?—No, nobody; only me.

13,765. Is there another Waller, the same name as yourself, in West Street?—No, not John Henry; there is one Henry Waller in West Street.

13,766. And you came yesterday and told us this?—Yes.

JAMES RATTEN sworn and examined.

J. Ratten.

13,767. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—9, Chapel Street.

13,768. What is your occupation?—A boatman.

13,769. What did you get?—I received 3*l.* 13*s.*

13,770. You are one of the forty-two, I suppose?—Yes.

13,771. Is that all you got?—Yes, that is all.

F. Curling.

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FREDERICK CURLING sworn and examined.

13,772. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 13,773. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 13,774. What did you get?—3*l.* 10*s.* altogether.
 13,775. Who was that from?—Mr. Wood.

13,776. Was that for your vote?—I had 5*s.* for assisting on the election day, and 5*s.* the night before.
 13,777. And 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.
 13,778. Is that all you got?—Yes, that is all.

R. Harbour.

ROBERT HARBOUR sworn and examined.

13,779. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—1, Portland Cottages.
 13,780. What is your occupation?—A carpenter.
 13,781. What did you get?—3*l.* from Mr. Gibbons.
 13,782. Was that for your vote?—I had it after I voted.

13,783. But it was for your vote?—He asked me what I had for my vote and I told him nothing; it was two days after the election.
 13,784. But you would not have got it if you had not voted?—I expect not. I told him I had got nothing, and he said he would make it up to me.
 13,785. Did you get anything else?—No.

W. Love.

WILLIAM LOVE recalled and further examined.

13,786. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Were you examined yesterday?—Yes.

13,787. (*Mr. Holl.*) You got money from two people; Erridge was one?—Yes.
 13,788. And who was the other?—Harris.

T. White.

THOMAS WHITE sworn and examined.

13,789. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—44, West Street.
 13,790. What is your occupation?—A scissors grinder.
 13,791. What did you get?—3*l.*
 13,792. Who from?—Thomas Adams, Farrier Street.
 13,793. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive anything from Philpott?—No.

13,794. Did you get anything from anybody except Adams?—No, that is all.
 13,795. Are you sure you did not get anything from anybody else?—That is all.
 13,796. And you received money only from Adams?—That is all.

T. H. Neece.

THOMAS HENRY NEEVE sworn and examined.

13,797. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—High Street.
 13,798. What is your occupation?—Fisherman.
 13,799. What did you get?—3*l.*

13,800. From whom?—Mr. License.
 13,801. For your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 13,802. That is all you got?—That is all.

W. Bailey.

WILLIAM BAILEY sworn and examined.

13,803. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Gladstone Road, Deal.
 13,804. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 13,805. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* from Mr. Potts.
 13,806. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

13,807. Did you get anything more?—I had 3*l.* from Mr. Rose for being a messenger.
 13,808. Are Mr. Potts and Mr. Rose the same way in politics?—Yes.
 13,809. So that you got 3*l.* for being a messenger and 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

R. Grant.

RICHARD GRANT sworn and examined.

13,810. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Sandy Lane.
 13,811. What is your occupation?—A publican.
 13,812. What did you get?—5*l.* for my room.
 13,813. Who took it?—Mr. Olds.
 13,814. Did anybody ever come there?—Yes, occasionally.
 13,815. How often were they there?—I could not say exactly.
 13,816. Once or twice?—Several times.
 13,817. How many people ever came?—Four or five came together at times.

13,818. What did they do when they came?—They were committee men, and so on.
 13,819. What did they do—anything?—Nothing particular.
 13,820. They had something to drink, I suppose?—Yes.
 13,821. Did they do anything else—not much else, did they?—No.
 13,822. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.
 13,823. What is the rent of your house?—18*l.* a year.

C. Hall.

CHARLES HALL sworn and examined.

13,824. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—North End.
 13,825. What is your occupation?—Boatman.
 13,826. What did you get?—3*l.*

13,827. From whom?—Mr. License.
 13,828. Anything else?—Nothing else.
 13,829. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

N. T. Betts.

ROBERT T. BETTS sworn and examined.

13,830. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—67, High Street.
 13,831. What is your occupation?—Fisherman.
 13,832. What did you get?—3*l.*

13,833. Who from?—Walter Solomon.
 13,834. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 13,835. Did you get anything more?—No.

J. Bowbyes.

JAMES BOWBYES sworn and examined.

13,836. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—172, Beach Street.
 13,837. What is your occupation?—Boatman.
 13,838. What did you get?—3*l.*
 13,839. From whom?—Mr. License.
 13,840. Did you receive anything more?—No; I con-

sider that that was bad enough after promising a gentleman a fortnight before.
 13,841. Was that for your vote?—No, it was not—loss of time stopping ashore until the election came off.
 13,842. And voting?—Yes, but I did not expect it. I made my promise a fortnight before, and others will say the same.

WILLIAM ROBERT BETTS sworn and examined.

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13,843. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you live at Alexandra Cottages?—Yes.
13,844. What is your occupation?—Fisherman.
13,845. What did you get?—3*l.* five days after the petition sat.

13,846. Who from?—Walter Solomon.
13,847. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
13,848. And that is all you got?—That is all.

THOMAS HENRY NEEVE sworn and examined.

T. H. Neeve.

13,849. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 3, Foster's Alley.
13,850. What is your occupation?—A coal merchant.

13,851. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. License?—Yes.
13,852. For your vote?—Yes.
13,853. Anything else?—No.

WILLIAM DEAN sworn and examined.

W. Dean.

13,854. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—99*a*, Middle Street.
13,855. What is your occupation?—Navy pensioner.
13,856. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

13,857. Who from?—Thomas Adams.
13,858. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so; I got it after I voted.
13,859. Anything else?—No.

THOMAS TANDY sworn and examined.

J. Tandy.

13,860. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—6, Cannon Street.
13,861. What is your occupation?—A bricklayer.
13,862. Did you get 3*l.* at the election?—Yes.
13,863. Who from?—Mr. License.
13,864. Is that all you got?—No.
13,865. Did you get anything more?—Yes, from Mr. Joe Brown.

13,866. I suppose both those payments were for your vote?—I do not know. Mr. Brown gave me the money in my hand, and I took it; I did not know what it was for.
13,867. The other sum was for your vote?—Yes, the other one was for it.
13,868. That was all you got, was it?—Yes, that is all.

JOHN J. HANGER sworn and examined.

J. C. Hanger.

13,869. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you live at 3, Alfred Square?—Yes.

13,870. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. License for your vote?—Yes.
13,871. Did you receive anything else?—No.

ISAAC SNELLING sworn and examined.

J. Snelling.

13,872. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—York Street, Lower Walmer.

13,873. And did you get 3*l.* from Mr. Barnes for your vote?—2*l.*
13,874. And that is all you got?—Yes.

GEORGE SIMPSON sworn and examined.

G. Simpson.

13,875. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—12, Grove Terrace.
13,876. What is your occupation?—A miller.
13,877. What did you get?—I have an account here; it is rather a large lot, so I was obliged to put it on paper; it is the full account of what I received (*handing same*).
13,878. I see Mr. Edwin Hills, the brewer, gave you 20*l.*?—Yes.
13,879. And you gave that to the five persons whose names are down here, did you?—Yes.
13,880. Did you get anything for yourself?—My name is included in the list, the bottom one.
13,881. Yes, it is. Is that all you received?—No, if you look further on you will see it.

13,882. You received 1*l.* from George Porter?—Yes.
13,883. And another 1*l.* from Rea?—No.
13,884. Were they both together?—Yes, both together canvassing on that day.
13,885. Then you got "2*l.* on the day of the election "from somebody at the 'Fountain' hotel"?—Yes.
13,886. Do you know what his name is?—I do not.
13,887. George Porter introduced you to him?—Yes, he did.
13,888. But you do not know his name?—No; he was sitting at the table paying the voters as they went in.
13,889. At the "Fountain" hotel?—Yes, he gave me 2*l.*
13,890. Is that all that you received?—That is all.

GEORGE HENRY NEEVE sworn and examined.

G. H. Neeve.

13,891. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—No. 2, Alfred Square.
13,892. What did you receive?—3*l.*
13,893. From Mr. License?—Yes.
13,894. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

13,895. Did you get anything more?—Yes, 3*l.* from Mr. Joseph Brown.
13,896. (*Mr. Turner.*) Was that for your vote?—I do not know. He said I might as well have it as anybody else; he had got it to give away. He offered it to me on the Monday evening. I said I had promised.

WILLIAM DURBAN sworn and examined.

W. Durban.

13,897. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Middle Street. I keep a public-house called the "Hope."
13,898. What did you receive?—I received 5*l.* for a committee room.
13,899. Did you receive anything else?—No.
13,900. Did anyone use your room?—No.

13,901. What is the rent of your house?—12*l.* I pay.
13,902. Who took your room?—Mr. Olds and Mr. Spears engaged my room.
13,903. That is all you received?—That is all.
13,904. Was there any treating at your house?—No, not the least.

WILLIAM FRIEND sworn and examined.

W. Friend.

13,905. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—2, Exchange Street.
13,906. What are you?—A labourer.

13,907. Did you receive any money from Mr. Adams?—3*l.*
13,908. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
13,909. Did you receive anything else?—No.

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- 13,910. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Foster's Alley.
 13,911. What are you?—A policeman.
 13,912. What money did you receive?—3*l.*

EDWARD ROMNEY sworn and examined.

- 13,913. From Mr. Solomon?—Yes.
 13,914. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 13,915. Did you receive anything else?

E. Goldfinch.

EDWIN GOLDFINCH sworn and examined.

- 13,916. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Walmer.
 13,917. What are you?—A carpenter.
 13,918. What did you receive?—15*s.*
 13,919. Who from?—Mr. Minter.
 13,920. What was that for?—Colourman.
 13,921. What did you do—anything?—Very little for that money.
 13,922. It was given to you as a bonus?—It was given to me for putting up a colour at my shop, and so on.
 13,923. You were a voter?—Yes.
 13,924. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 13,925. Were you promised anything more?—No.
 13,926. Not by anyone?—No.
 13,927. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What did Mr. Minter say to you when he offered you the 15*s.*?—He told me he would give me 15*s.* if I would put up a colour at my shop, and so on.
 13,928. What is the “so on”?—I had one up at my house.
 13,929. By “colour” you mean a flag?—Yes.
 13,930. Did he send you the flag?—No, I had that off Mr. Rose.
 13,931. Mr. Rose brought you the flag?—No, he did not.
 13,932. Who did?—I fetched it. It was a piece of blue calico.
 13,933. At the end of a stick, was it?—No.
 13,934. What did you do with it?—Put it on a pole myself, and formed halyards, and I was badly paid.
 13,935. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did Mr. Minter say anything to you about a vote?—No.

13,936. Nothing at all?—He knows I have always supported the Liberal cause, but if I had known it was going to be such a humbug as Sir Julian, I should not have supported him this time, you may rest assured. I would give him a plumper to throw him in the sea.

13,937. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Which way is Mr. Minter?—I do not know.

13,938. Do you not know which side he is?—No, I do not know which way he voted, or nothing else.

13,939. But you saw him going about with a colour on?—Oh yes, I saw him going about and lots more.

13,940. Which colour did you have to put up?—I had a blue colour to put up.

13,941. Mr. Minter was a blue was he not?—I do not know.

13,942. Come?—No, I cannot tell which way he voted. His was considered a blue house.

13,943. You thought he was a blue?—I should think he was.

13,944. I should think so too. You voted blue too did you not?—I reserve that to myself.

13,945. You were well disposed towards the blues?—I always have been, but as I told you before, I should have changed my mind if I had known such a humbug as Sir Julian Goldsmid was coming down here.

13,946. The 15*s.* helped you to keep favourably disposed, did it not?—It done for a spenser or two, now and then. It was not much.

13,947. You felt kindly towards the people who had given you the 15*s.*, was not that it?—Yes.

T. V. Selth.

THOMAS VALENTINE SELTH sworn and examined.

- 13,948. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 13,949. Where do you live?—Short Street.
 13,950. What did you have?—I had 5*l.* for the house.
 13,951. What is the name of your house?—The “Lord Nelson.”
 13,952. For the room, was that?—Yes.
 13,953. Did they use the room?—I cannot say. I was not at home, I was away. My missus says they attended there at times. That is all I know.
 13,954. Did they attend, except to take something to

drink?—They had no drink. I heard her say they came in once or twice.

13,955. What is the rent of your house?—12*l.*

13,956. What are you, a Blue or a Conservative?—A Conservative.

13,957. Did you have anything else?—Yes, I had 3*l.*

13,958. Who from?—Mr. George Philpott.

13,959. For your vote?—I suppose it was for my vote. I came here from Portland.

13,960. Did you have anything else?—No.

H. Carvey.

HARRY CARVEY sworn and examined.

- 13,961. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.
 13,962. Where do you live?—2, Princes Street.

13,963. Did you get 3*l.* for your vote from Mr. License?—Yes.

13,964. Is that all you got?—Yes.

G. F. Spears.

GEORGE FROST SPEARS sworn and examined.

- 13,965. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 13,966. Where do you live?—Blenheim Road.
 13,967. Did you get anything from Mr. Henry Spears?—Yes.

13,968. How much?—3*l.*

13,969. That was for your vote?—Yes.

13,970. Did you receive anything more?—No.

J. F. Hall.

JAMES FREDERICK HALL sworn and examined.

- 13,971. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—I am a boatman.
 13,972. Where do you live?—King's Arms Alley.

13,973. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. License for your vote?—Yes, and 3*l.* from Mr. Finnis.

13,974. Is that all?—That is all.

C. Baker.

CHARLES BAKER sworn and examined.

- 13,975. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A smith.
 13,976. Where do you live?—Walmer.
 13,977. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. License?—Yes.

13,978. For your vote?—Yes.

13,979. Did you get anything more?—Nothing else.

J. R. Norris.

JOHN RALPH NORRIS sworn and examined.

- 13,980. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 13,981. Where do you live?—87, Middle Street.

13,982. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. License for your vote?—Yes.

13,983. Did you receive anything more?—No.

JAMES PRICE sworn and examined.

J. Price.

13,984. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A porter.
 13,985. Where do you live?—7, Portland Terrace.

13,986. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. License for your vote?—I did.
 13,987. Did you receive anything more?—Nothing.

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CHARLES MUMBRAY sworn and examined.

C. Munbray.

13,988. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A retired green-grocer.
 13,989. Where do you live?—George Street.

13,990. Did you get any money from Mr. Erridge for your vote?—3*l.*
 13,991. Is that all?—Yes.

THOMAS MASON sworn and examined.

T. Mason

13,992. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A stoker at the gas house.
 13,993. Where do you live?—North Sandy Lane.
 13,994. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. License for your vote?—Yes.

13,995. Did you receive anything else?—3*l.* from Mr. Joseph Brown.
 13,996. Anything more?—Nothing more.

HENRY THOMAS NORRIS sworn and examined.

H. T. Norris.

13,997. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 13,998. Where do you live?—9, Dolphin Street.

13,999. You got 3*l.* from Mr. License for your vote?—Yes.
 14,000. Is that all?—That is all.

HENRY HAYWARD sworn and examined.

H. Hayward.

14,001. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boat builder.
 14,002. Where do you live?—15, Farrier Street.
 14,003. What did you get?—4*l.*

14,004. Who from?—Mr. Norris.
 14,005. Did you get anything more?—No.
 14,006. That is all?—That is all.

ROBERT REDSULL sworn and examined.

R. Redsull.

14,007. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A tailor.
 14,008. Where do you live?—181, Middle Street.
 14,009. Did you get any money from Mr. Solomon?—Yes, 3*l.*
 14,010. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

14,011. Did you get anything else?—Yes, from Mr. Porter.
 14,012. (*Mr. Turner.*) How much?—3*l.*
 14,013. (*Mr. Holl.*) Is that all?—That is all.

HENRY UPTON sworn and examined.

H. Upton.

14,014. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A gardener.
 14,015. Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.
 14,016. What did you get?—15*s.*
 14,017. Who from?—Mr. Minter.
 14,018. What was that for?—For helping to put the flags up.
 14,019. I suppose like the other witness you did not do much. That was something to keep you straight for your vote?—Yes, something to get a little drink with.

14,020. And to vote for the Liberals?—I did not vote for them.
 14,021. Did you not?—No.
 (*Mr. Jeune.*) They hoped you would.
 14,022. *Mr. Holl.* Mr. Minter gave it to you to do that, did he not?—I don't know what he gave it to me for. He gave it to me to get something to drink with.
 14,023. Did you get anything from anybody else?—No.
 14,024. Did you vote at all?—Yes, for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

THOMAS EPSLY sworn and examined.

T. Epsly.

14,025. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 14,026. Where do you live?—I used to live at 103, Middle Street.
 14,027. What money did you get?—3*l.* 13*s.*

14,028. You are one of the 42. That was for your vote?—Yes.
 14,029. Did you get anything more?—No.

THOMAS BAKER sworn and examined.

T. Baker.

14,030. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 14,031. Where do you live?—Crown Court.
 14,032. How much did you get?—3*l.*

14,033. From Mr. Henry Spears?—Yes.
 14,034. That was for your vote?—Yes.
 14,035. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JOHN FINNIS sworn and examined.

J. Finnis.

14,036. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 14,037. Where do you live?—5, Brewer's Street, I did live.
 14,038. What did you get?—3*l.*
 14,039. Who from?—3*l.*

14,040. Who from?—Robert Jones.
 14,041. That was for your vote?—I do not know what it was for, I am sure. I had it afterwards.
 14,042. You do not know anything else it was for?—No.
 14,043. Is that all you had?—That is all.

JOHN JAMES BENEY sworn and examined.

J. J. Beney.

14,044. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 14,045. Where do you live?—King's Arms Alley.
 14,046. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
 14,047. From whom?—Mr. Henry Spears.
 14,048. That was for your vote?—Yes.
 14,049. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 14,050. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you get any money from Mr. Chittenden?—No.

14,051. None at all?—Not a halfpenny.
 14,052. Because Mr. Chittenden says he left some money with you?—I should like to have the money now then. I never had a halfpenny.
 14,053. Do you know Mr. Chittenden?—Yes, he is a relation of mine.
 14,054. Mr. Chittenden came here the other day and swore that he left some money with you?—No; I should

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like to have it, for I have not got none. I have not had a halfpenny, I assure you.

14,055. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did your wife get any?—No, not a halfpenny.

14,056. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you do any canvassing at Mr. Chittenden's request?—Not the least; not a bit.

14,057. What Mr. Chittenden says is this. He is asked about four men to whom he promised something, and he was asked, "Can you give us the names of those four." He says, "I can get you the names, but I have not got them with me now. I left it to one man, John Beney, to get these four"—That is right. He left it with me, and I told him I should not give him a decided answer.

14,058. Then Mr. Chittenden did leave it to you?—To try and get them for him, and I told him I would not give him a decided answer, but I never had no money for it, not one halfpenny.

14,059. Did Mr. Chittenden tell you to go and get the votes of these four men?—Yes, that is right enough.

14,060. That he did do?—He did do that.

14,061. Did you go to the four men, and did you promise them anything?—No, not a halfpenny. They would not go, and nor would I.

14,062. You asked them to vote?—I asked them whether they would go that side, and they said no, and I said, "Well, you shall not have anything."

14,063. Then you did not give them anything?—No, because I was one of the four.

14,064. Did you go and tell Mr. Chittenden you had tried?—No, I never saw him after that. I never knew anything about it until the other day.

14,065. You knew the three men?—Yes.

14,066. Had they anything from the other side?—They had the same as I did, 3*l*.

14,067. They had 3*l*. from the other side?—Yes.

14,068. Who were those other three men besides yourself?—George Jarvis, Thomas Buttress, and Thomas Ashington.

14,069. There were three then and not four?—Three besides myself.

14,070. They got their money from Mr. Spears the same as you did?—Just the same.

14,071. (*Mr. Holl.*) What Spears is that?—Mr. Henry Spears, who keeps the "Antwerp."

J. H. Redsull.

J. H. REDSULL sworn and examined.

14,072. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gardener and a labourer.

14,073. Where do you live?—74, High Street.

14,074. What did you receive, 3*l*.?—Yes.

14,075. Who from?—Mr. Walter Solomon.

14,076. For your vote?—Yes.

14,077. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.

14,078. What was that?—5*l*. for a committee room.

14,079. You are a publican?—Yes.

14,080. Was it used?—Yes, five or six times.

14,081. What is your rent?—12*l*. a year.

14,082. (*Mr. Holl.*) What did they do?—I do not know. I was not always up in my room, and I was not always at home.

14,083. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did they have any refreshment?—No, only what they paid for.

14,084. How many came?—I should think sometimes a dozen or 14. I always keep a good brew.

14,085. What is the name of your house?—The "Fawn."

G. Smith.

GEORGE SMITH sworn and examined.

14,086. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A solicitor's clerk.

14,087. Where do you live?—22, Blenheim Road.

14,088. Did you receive anything?—3*l*.

14,089. From whom?—Mr. Richard Allen.

14,090. Was that for your vote?—That was for my vote.

14,091. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing.

14,092. Had you anything else to do with the election?—No, nothing whatever.

T. Marsh.

THOMAS MARSH sworn and examined.

14,093. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A blacksmith.

14,094. Where do you live?—12, Dolphin Street.

14,095. What did you receive?—3*l*. 13*s*.

14,096. From Mr. Marsh?—Yes.

14,097. Is he a relation of yours?—No.

14,098. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

14,099. Did you receive anything else?—No.

G. Hayward.

GEORGE HAYWARD sworn and examined.

14,100. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

14,101. Where do you live?—1, Alfred Row.

14,102. What did you receive?—3*l*. 13*s*.

14,103. You are another of the 42?—Yes.

14,104. That was from Mr. Marsh?—Yes.

14,105. For your vote?—Yes.

14,106. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

J. H. Ashington.

J. H. ASHINGTON sworn and examined.

14,107. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

14,108. Where do you live?—13, Dolphin Street.

14,109. What did you receive?—3*l*.

14,110. From whom?—Mr. Solomon.

14,111. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing.

14,112. Was that for your vote?—That is all.

H. Francis.

HENRY FRANCIS sworn and examined.

14,113. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A publican.

14,114. What is your house?—The "Bowling Green."

14,115. What did you receive?—I received five sovereigns for my room. I let my room.

14,116. What was it used for?—It was used on one occasion; they came in one evening about 7, or 8, or 10.

14,117. It was used on that one occasion?—On that one occasion.

14,118. What is your rent?—15*l*. a year.

14,119. Did you receive anything else?—No.

14,120. (*Mr. Holl.*) That is all you received?—That is all I received.

T. Baker.

THOMAS BAKER sworn and examined.

14,121. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

14,122. Where do you live?—203, Middle Street.

14,123. What did you receive?—3*l*.

14,124. From whom?—From Mr. Henry Spears.

14,125. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

14,126. Did you receive anything else?—No.

H. H. MORRIS sworn and examined.

H. H. Morris.

14,127. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

14,128. What are you?—An engineer.

14,129. Did you receive anything?—Yes.

14,130. What?—3*l.*

14,131. From whom?—From Mr. Edward Rea's agent. I do not know who it was.

14,132. For your vote?—Yes.

14,133. Did you receive anything else?—No, I did not receive anything else for my vote.

14,134. What else did you receive besides the 3*l.* for your vote?—I did not receive anything else.

14,135. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you receive anything else in connexion with the election?—Yes, I received some

money from Mr. Chittenden after the election; not before.

14,136. How much?—2*l.* 15*s.*

14,137. What was that for?—I do not know. He gave me that.

14,138. You cannot guess, can you?—I voted for Mr. Roberts.

14,139. You cannot guess what Mr. Chittenden gave you the 2*l.* 15*s.* for?—I do not know anything at all about that, because he gave it to me. I had voted then.

14,140. If I were to guess that he gave it to you because he thought you had voted his way, I should not be far wrong?—Perhaps not. He said, "If I give you 3*l.*, will you give me 5*s.* back."

14,141. Did you receive anything else?—No, that is all.

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JAMES PITTOCK sworn and examined.

J. Pittock.

14,142. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

14,143. Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

14,144. What did you receive?—Nothing but 15*s.* from Mr. Minter for helping to put the flags up.

14,145. To carry them about or put them up?—To put them up.

14,146. How long were you engaged?—I do not know; about a day altogether.

14,147. 15*s.* for the day's work?—Yes.

14,148. Did he say anything to you about your vote?—No, nothing.

14,149. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

THOMAS JOB sworn and examined.

T. Job.

14,150. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

14,151. Where do you live?—King's Arms Alley.

14,152. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,153. From whom?—Mr. Henry Spears.

14,154. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

14,155. Did you receive anything else?—No.

14,156. Nothing from anybody?—No.

ROBERT BAX sworn and examined.

R. Bax.

14,157. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

14,158. Where do you live?—Sandwich.

14,159. What did you receive?—6*l.*

14,160. In one sum?—No.

14,161. Tell us how you got it?—3*l.* each.

14,162. Who did you receive one 3*l.* from?—Mr. East.

14,163. Who the other?—Mr. Fagg.

14,164. Was the first 3*l.* from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes.

14,165. And was the other from Mr. Fagg for your vote?—Yes.

14,166. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

RICHARD ROBINSON sworn and examined.

R. Robinson.

14,167. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

14,168. What is the name of your house?—The "Queen's Arms."

14,169. Where at?—High Street, Deal.

14,170. What did you receive?—5*l.* for a committee room.

14,171. Was that used at all?—No, only to put a few bills in.

14,172. Did you receive anything else?—Yes, 3*l.* from Mr. Redman.

14,173. For your vote?—I suppose so.

14,174. You have no other reason for having it?—No, I have no other reason.

14,175. Did you receive anything else?—No.

14,176. What is the rent of your house?—17*l.*—15*l.* the house, and 2*l.* the stable, that is separate.

Adjourned to Monday at 11 o'clock.

TWELFTH DAY.

Monday, 18th October 1880.

CHARLES STEPHEN BROOKSBY GOLDFINCH recalled and further examined.

14,177. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You have written a letter to us, and very properly. I understand that when you were under examination the other day there was some matter that you omitted to state?—Yes.

14,178. Be so good as to state it now?—Sometime previous to the election I received 3*l.* from Mr. Trollope which I have already stated, and in the meantime my wife let a room to Mr. Lowndes for 5*l.*

14,179. When was that 5*l.* paid?—Two days after the election. I intended to have mentioned it here, but forgot it. I have been here every day since for the purpose of stating it. I did not wish to deceive you at all.

14,180. Besides the 5*l.* you have now mentioned did you receive anything else?—No, nothing whatever, and that is the first I ever received in my life.

C. S. B. Goldfinch.

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H. Wilkins.

HENRY WILKINS sworn and examined.

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14,181. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you receive anything at this election?—Yes.14,182. How much?—3*l.*

14,183. From whom?—Mr. Walter Solomon.

14,184. For your vote?—Yes.

14,185. Did you receive anything else?—No.

14,186. Where do you live?—22, Gladstone Road. I made some flags.

14,187. Did you get paid for that?—Yes.

14,188. By whom?—Mr Usher. The number of flags I made was 47 and two dozen rosettes, and for that a total of 6*l.* 15*s.* was paid to me by Mr. Usher.14,189. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Was that a fair price for the flags and rosettes—was it a price that you would have charged at any other time?—It was entirely left to me to make my charge.14,190. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you charge the same price that you would have charged anybody else?—Yes.14,191. (*Mr. Holl.*) If it had not been election time should you have charged the same price to anyone else for the same work?—Yes. If you come to take it into calculation it is not much over 2*s.* a flag, taking them large and small.14,192. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you receive anything else at all?—No, nothing else.*T. Smith.*

THOMAS SMITH sworn and examined.

14,193. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A licensed hawker.

14,194. Where do you live?—King Street, Sandwich.

14,195. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

14,196. From whom?—Mr. Fagg of the "Green Posts."

14,197. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

14,198. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

W. Quested.

WILLIAM QUESTED sworn and examined.

14,199. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Post messenger.

14,200. Where do you live?—At Sandwich.

14,201. What did you receive?—6*l.*

14,202. In one sum?—It was without asking for it.

14,203. Was it in one sum?—No, 8*l.* from Mr. East, 2*l.* from Mr. William Fagg, and 1*l.* from Mr. Coleman. I agreed to have 1*l.* to walk the streets all night. I had two boys messengers for two days and never had nothing for them.14,204. Was the 3*l.* for your vote?—I do not know—I never asked for no money.

14,205. What do you suppose it was for?—For a gift I suppose.

14,206. You do not mean that?—Yes, I do,

14,207. Was it given to you before you voted?—No, afterwards.

14,208. Was there anything else that you could have had it for but your vote?—I never asked him for it.

14,209. Why do you suppose he gave you the 3*l.*?—He asked me if it would be any good to me, and I told him, "Yes, it would do me a lot of good."

14,210. He knew you had voted?—I do not know whether he did or not.

14,211. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do not come trifling here—you knew it was for your vote?—He never asked me nothingabout my vote, but he asked me if 3*l.* would do me any good.14,212. (*Mr. Turner.*) Do not you know it was for your vote?—I expected it was, but I cannot say.

14,213. Why did not you say so at first?—I expected it was, but I could not swear to it.

14,214. What was the 2*l.* for?—I expect that was for my boys being messengers two days.14,215. 10*s.* a day each boy?—Yes. I do not know whether that money was for that, and I never asked for any money.

14,216. Do not you suppose that that money was also for your vote?—It might have been.

14,217. Did you receive anything else?—A sovereign.

14,218. Besides the 6*l.*, did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.14,219. (*Mr. Holl.*) I think it should be clearly understood that if people come forward and try to pervertate they will not get their certificates?—I did not wish to do it.14,220. (*Mr. Turner.*) But you have been doing it?—In which way?

14,221. By not speaking the truth?—I have spoken the truth.

14,222. You have been a long time about it?—I have spoken the truth.

W. Brown.

WILLIAM BROWN sworn and examined.

14,223. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am foreman to Mr. Denne of Walmer.

14,224. Where do you live?—No. 6, Farrier Street.

14,225. What did you receive?—3*l.* after the polling was over.

14,226. From whom?—George Philpott, waterman.

14,227. Was it for your vote?—I expect it was.

14,228. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing at all.

14,229. (*Mr. Holl.*) Nothing from Mr. Cox?—No, not a farthing from anybody else.

14,230. That is all that you received?—Yes, that is all.

R. Hayman.

RICHARD HAYMAN sworn and examined.

14,231. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

14,232. Where do you live?—George Alley.

14,233. What did you receive?—3*l.* 13*s.*

14,234. From Mr. Marsh?—Yes, Mr. Marsh and Lambert.

14,235. That was for your vote?—I expect it was.

14,236. Did you receive anything else?—No.

G. Ellender.

GEORGE ELLENDER sworn and examined.

14,237. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

14,238. Where do you live?—11, Jews Harp Alley.

14,239. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,240. Who from?—Henry Spears, Beach Street.

14,241. That was for your vote?—Yes.

14,242. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

B. Horner.

BENJAMIN HORNER sworn and examined.

14,243. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

14,244. Where do you live?—4, George Street.

14,245. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,246. From whom?—Mr. License.

14,247. That was for your vote?—Yes.

14,248. Did you receive anything else?—No.

G. Langley.

GEORGE LANGLEY sworn and examined.

14,249. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A sawyer.

14,250. Where do you live?—No. 7, Cannon Street.

14,251. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,252. Who from?—Ralph Erridge.

14,253. Was that for your vote?—I judge it was for my vote.

14,254. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

ROBERT HENRY ASHINGTON sworn and examined.

R.H. Ashington.

14,255. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—No. 1, Alexandra Cottages.

14,256. What are you?—A mariner.

14,257. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,258. Who from?—Mr. Rea.

14,259. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

14,260. That was for your vote?—Yes, for my vote.

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STEPHEN WILDS sworn and examined.

S. Wilds.

14,261. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

14,262. Where do you live?—No. 1, Bulwark Row.

14,263. What money did you receive?—3*l.*

14,264. From whom?—Mr. Erridge, the Trinity Pilot.

14,265. Was that for your vote?—I believe so.

14,266. Did you receive anything else?—I cannot say what the lad had as a messenger.

14,267. Did you receive anything more yourself?—No.

14,268. Your son was a messenger?—Yes; he had from 7*s.* to 9*s.*, but you can put it down which you like. He was there every day.

14,269. Did you receive nothing else yourself?—No, nothing else.

THOMAS NORRIS sworn and examined.

T. Norris.

14,270. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

14,271. Where do you live?—1, Exchange Street.

14,272. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,273. From whom?—Mr. Olds.

14,274. Anything else?—No.

14,275. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

FREDERICK JAMES OBREL sworn and examined.

F. J. Obrel.

14,276. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a sailor?—A mariner.

14,277. Where do you live?—9, Alexandra Cottages.

14,278. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,279. From whom?—Mr. Wilds.

14,280. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.

14,281. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

GEORGE PETTETT sworn and examined.

G. Pettett.

14,282. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a mariner?—Yes.

14,283. Where do you live?—24, Middle Street.

14,284. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,285. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

14,286. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Porter.

14,287. Did you receive anything else?—Only a shilling or two putting up poles.

14,288. Nothing else at all?—No.

THOMAS UPTON sworn and examined.

T. Upton.

14,289. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—147, Beach Street.

14,290. What are you?—A boatman.

14,291. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,292. From whom?—Mr. Erridge, the pilot.

14,293. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

14,294. Did you receive anything else?—No, not a farthing.

GEORGE MAXTED sworn and examined.

G. Marted.

14,295. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

14,296. Where do you live?—Watts' Alley.

14,297. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,298. From whom?—Mr. Spears.

14,299. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

14,300. Did you receive anything else?—Yes, I received a few shillings from the other Mr. Spears for repairing some pavement where they put the polls up.

14,301. Did you receive anything else?—No.

HENRY RATOLIFFE sworn and examined.

H. Ratcliffe.

14,302. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

14,303. Where do you live?—Brickfield Cottage, Upper Deal.

14,304. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

14,305. From whom?—Mr. Lowndes.

14,306. That was for your vote?—Yes.

14,307. Did you receive anything else?—No.

CHARLES PANTLING sworn and examined.

C. Pantling.

14,308. (*Mr. Turner.*) You are an accountant at Sandwich?—Yes.

14,309. What did you receive?—I received 7*l.* 10*s.* for the purpose of treating during the canvassing, and 5*l.* for my services.

14,310. Did you expend that in treating?—Yes.

14,311. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Hughes, the grocer, of Sandwich.

14,312. And the 5*l.* for your own services?—That I received from Mr. Olds.

14,313. What were those services?—In canvassing; I was not a voter.

14,314. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive anything from Mr. Fagg?—No.

14,315. Is there any other Pantling at Sandwich?—No, not that I know of.

14,316. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you spend the 7*l.* 10*s.* in treating?—Yes.

14,317. About how many people do you think you treated?—I can hardly say; it was in this way, I went about to different public-houses, where I met people and talked matters over, or addressed them rather, so that the money was spent generally, and not individually.

14,318. (*Mr. Turner.*) Was it spent amongst a particular class of voters?—No, anyone I met, and with whom I sat down and talked matters over.

14,319. (*Mr. Holl.*) You talked politics, and tried to persuade them to vote your side?—I wanted them to. I did not do it too pointedly. I tried to persuade them to do right.

14,320. You do not know any other Mr. Pantling at Sandwich?—I do not think there is one.

THOMAS WALTER DESORMEAUX sworn and examined.

T. W. Desormaux.

14,321. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A publican.

14,322. What is your house?—"The Harp"—167, Middle Street, Deal.

14,323. What did you receive?—5*l.* for a committee room, and 3*l.* for a vote.

14,324. Was your room used at all?—Yes, inside and

out they were sticking bills up. They came in when they wanted, and put fresh bills up.

14,325. Did you receive anything else?—No.

14,326. The 3*l.* was for your vote?—I suppose so.

14,327. Is that all you received?—Yes.

14,328. From whom did you receive 3*l.*?—From Mr. Griggs, and 5*l.* from Mr. Olds.

R. D. Smith.

RICHARD DILNOTT SMITH sworn and examined.

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- 14,329. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gardener.
 14,330. Where do you live?—King Street, Sandwich.
 14,331. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,332. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,333. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. William Pittock.
- 14,334. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.
 14,335. Do you know whether Mr. Pittock got his money from Mr. Fagg?—No, I do not know.
 14,336. Is there any other R. D. Smith at Sandwich?—No.

T. Gambrill.

THOMAS GAMBRILL sworn and examined.

- 14,337. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A coal porter.
 14,338. Where do you live; at Sandwich?—Yes; 5, Paradise Row.
 14,339. What did you receive?—I received 6*l.*; 3*l.* off Mr. Fagg and 3*l.* off Mr. Lock.
 14,340. Was each of those sums for your vote?—Yes, given to me for my vote.
- 14,341. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 14,342. For whom did you vote?—That is secret.
 14,343. No, not at all, you must tell me for whom you voted?—Mr. Roberts.
 14,344. You received nothing more?—No.

J. Gisby.

JAMES GISBY sworn and examined.

- 14,345. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fisherman.
 14,346. Where do you live?—At Sandwich.
 14,347. What did you receive?—3*l.*
- 14,348. From whom?—Mr. William Fagg.
 14,349. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

T. Pearson.

THOMAS PEARSON sworn and examined.

- 14,350. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,351. Where do you live?—At Sandwich.
 14,352. What did you receive?—7*l.*
 14,353. How was that; in what sums?—4*l.* from Mr. Coleman and Mr. Fagg, and 1*l.* was for watching.
 14,354. And 3*l.* was for what?—For voting.
 14,355. What was the other 3*l.* for; from whom did you get it?—From Mr. Brett.
 14,356. Was that for your vote?—He said he had got plenty of money, and I might as well take a little.
- 14,357. Was that for your vote?—It was for my vote, but I told him I did not want it.
 14,358. You took it?—He forced it upon me.
 14,359. You could not help yourself?—I told him I did not want it.
 14,360. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.
 14,361. (*Mr. Holl.*) Coleman and Fagg worked together?—Yes.

I. Pearson.

I. PEARSON sworn and examined.

- 14,362. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gas stoker.
 14,363. Where do you live?—No. 1, Bulwark Row.
 14,364. What did you receive?—3*l.*
- 14,365. From whom?—Mr. Fagg.
 14,366. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.
 14,367. Was that for your vote?—Yes, after I voted.

H. Wells.

HENRY WELLS sworn and examined.

- 14,368. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.
 14,369. Where do you live?—King Street, Sandwich.
 14,370. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,371. From whom?—Mr. Fagg.
 14,372. For your vote?—I suppose so.
 14,373. Did you receive anything else?—3*l.* from Mr. Hooper.
- 14,374. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 14,375. You took it?—Yes.
 14,376. How did you vote?—I understood it was secret voting.
 14,377. You must tell me?—For Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 14,378. Did you receive anything else?—No.

H. Lawrence.

HENRY LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

- 14,379. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer's labourer.
 14,380. Where do you live?—Peter Street, Sandwich.
 14,381. What did you receive?—4*l.*
- 14,382. From whom?—Mr. Fagg.
 14,383. What was that for?—My vote.
 14,384. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

A. Andrews.

A. ANDREWS sworn and examined.

- 14,385. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,386. Where do you live?—At Sandwich.
 14,387. What did you receive?—4*l.*
 14,388. From whom?—Mr. Fagg.
- 14,389. Was that for your vote?—Yes, and I should like to have another one to-day very well.
 14,390. You may think that very fine; did you receive anything else?—No.

R. Pittock.

ROBERT PITTOCK sworn and examined.

- 14,391. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A painter's labourer.
 14,392. Where do you live?—At Sandwich.
 14,393. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,394. From whom?—Mr. Fagg.
- 14,395. Was that for your vote?—Well, I had 3*l.* from Mr. Fagg, and 3*l.* from the other side.
 14,396. Who was the other 3*l.* from?—Mr. Lock.
 14,397. That was for your vote too?—Yes.
 14,398. Did you receive anything else?—No.

W. Small.

WILLIAM SMALL sworn and examined.

- 14,399. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A cabinet maker.
 14,400. Where do you live?—At Sandwich.
 14,401. What did you receive?—A sovereign after the election, a fortnight or three weeks after the election.
- 14,402. What was that for?—I did not ask. I suppose it was for my vote.
 14,403. Is that your opinion?—Yes.
 14,404. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.
 14,405. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Fagg.

GEORGE FEAR sworn and examined.

G. Fear.

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14,406. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A stone mason.
 14,407. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.
 14,408. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,409. From whom?—Mr. Fagg.
 14,410. For your vote?—No, I do not suppose it was for my vote, but loss of time and expenses coming from Sidcup.
 14,411. How much were your expenses?—My expenses came to 3*l.*, all but 2*s.*
 14,412. Coming from Sidcup?—There is my loss of time.
 14,413. I am asking the actual travelling expenses?—1*l.* 1*s.*
 14,414. And 1*l.* 19*s.* you put down for loss of time?—Yes.
 14,415. What are your wages a day?—8*s.* 3*d.*
 14,416. How long were you away?—I was here four days.
 14,417. That was not necessary?—I was to come from Saturday.
 14,418. You could have done it in a day, or two days, certainly—was not the rest for your vote?—That is what I charge it for—my loss of time and expenses. I had it after the election.

14,419. (*Mr. Holl.*) He told you he would pay you before you came?—No.

14,420. Did he write to you to come?—No, my wife wrote for me to come—she said that the gentleman wished me to come.

14,421. And would pay your expenses if you did come?—My wife said she expected I should have my expenses if I came to vote.

14,422. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you live at Sandwich?—Yes.

14,423. Your wife and family were at home?—My wife was there.

14,424. Did she write to you to come on Saturday?—Yes.

14,425. And so you went on Saturday and stayed till the Wednesday?—Yes, Wednesday night.

14,426. I daresay you were rather glad to get three or four days at home?—No, I was not, I would rather have stopped at my work.

14,427. Then why did you come on Saturday?—I was asked to come on Saturday.

14,428. You knew the election was on Tuesday?—Yes, but they said I was to come as soon as I could.

14,429. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you have anything else besides the 3*l.*?—No.

EDWARD TERRY sworn and examined.

E. Terry.

14,430. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—I am a hop merchant.

14,431. Do you reside at Sandwich?—Yes, and I have an office in London.

14,432. Did you receive any money from any one to expend in connexion with the election?—No, nothing whatever.

14,433. Did you spend anything?—I did not spend a penny.

14,434. You and Mr. Gillow talked matters over?—Yes. I should have taken no part whatever in the election, but Mr. Gillow came to me a few days before, and told me that Sir Julian Goldsmid was coming down to contest the borough, and that he was a very good sort of man, and asked me if I would take an interest in the election, and I said, "Yes, I do not mind trying to get you a few voters;" upon which he said, "How do you think your men will go at the mills"; and I said, "No doubt they will want a little paying. I hear there is money upon the other side, but I will send for my man and hear what he can do." I sent for him and he came and he said he thought he could get about 12 men for 60*l.*

14,435. That is Nowers?—Yes; he said he thought they would want about 60*l.*, that is 5*l.* a-piece, and with that Mr. Gillow arranged to let him have it.

14,436. You were aware that that money was paid to Nowers?—Yes, I was quite aware of it.

14,437. Was any other money at all paid to anyone either by you, or with your knowledge?—I did not spend a 6*d.* myself or treat anybody; in fact I was generally away from home every day, and did not take any interest.

14,438. Are there any other moneys that you are aware of having been spent?—I know nothing of my own personal knowledge.

14,439. But anything you have heard?—I could not say, because I have heard so many things.

14,440. I must ask you to be a little more definite than that. I think you know of other moneys having been paid to different people?—I really do not know of any other money having been paid to a single individual of my own personal knowledge. I saw this money pass, and I only heard of other moneys being passed.

14,441. Are you not aware yourself. I do not mean that you paid it with your own hand; of other moneys having been paid to other people, besides the 60*l.* given to Nowers to divide amongst your men?—No, I have not.

14,442. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You do not know now?—No, not now, nor at any other time. I did not take any part in it.

14,443. That is not the question?—You ask me whether I knew of anybody who had received any money besides this man, and I say I do not know a single man. I did not see any money pass.

14,444. Do you know at this present moment of any other money being paid to any man?—No, nor any other moment.

14,445. Did you know of any money being paid to William Farrier?—I do not know him. I have heard of him, but I have not spoken to him.

14,446. Do you know whether any money was paid to him, or not?—I do not know at all; in fact, as I have said, I am away from home every day, and it was only upon the morning of the election that I stayed at home and went into the committee room, and then for the first time saw Sir Julian Goldsmid and spoke to him.

14,447. Did you give any money to a gentleman of the name of Brett?—He is the captain of one of my father's barges.

14,448. Did you give any money to him?—I think he is one mentioned in Nower's list. I did not give him a penny.

14,449. If he is not one of the 12 bribed by Nowers did you give him anything, or do you know of his having anything?—I do not know of my own personal knowledge that he had anything else; in fact, I did not give anybody anything, Nowers had it to distribute.

14,450. Besides what Nowers had to distribute are you aware of anything having been paid to Brett?—I did hear that he had some money from the other side, but I really do not know whether it is true or not. It is only hearsay.

14,451. Did you hear that he had any other money upon your side except what he got from Nowers?—No.

14,452. You think that he was one of Nower's list?—Yes, I believe so.

14,453. Did you call upon any other persons to ask them for their votes besides your own men that Nowers dealt with?—I might have spoken to people about the town to ask them to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid upon the morning of the election, but, as I have said, I took no interest.

14,454. Upon that morning did you offer any of the persons who you canvassed any money?—No, not a penny.

14,455. Did you tell them it would be all right if they voted for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—I do not think I did. I could not say whether I did or not.

14,456. Did you make promises to persons?—I do not think I made a single promise to a single individual. I asked them to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

14,457. You know what I mean?—Yes, I perfectly understand what you mean.

14,458. Did you hold out any inducement to any one to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—No, I did not. In fact I should not have taken any part in the election but for Mr. Gillow, a brewer in Sandwich, being a very good customer of mine, and I thought I would take a little interest in it for his sake. I knew nothing of Sir Julian Goldsmid only from report, and that report I heard was very bad. I heard that he was a mean man, and a very unpopular man in his district, and that is the reason why, I believe, he polled so few votes. I do not

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think that Sir Julian ought to have all the say in the matter. He says it is a disgrace to represent the borough, but my opinion is that he is a disgrace to it.

14,459. I must ask you to attend to the questions. I understand you to say you do not know of any other money being spent in Sandwich in bribery except this 60*l.*?—Nothing whatever.

14,460. You do not know of any at all?—No, I do not know of any.

14,461. I am not speaking in any technical sense of its being within your own knowledge, or what you yourself saw, but do you know of any other money being spent in bribery beyond this 60*l.*?—I know of nothing personally. Of course I have heard several spoken of in the town as the people who have bribed, but it would be a very unfair thing to give their names, because I do not know it of my own personal knowledge, and I might bring somebody in who had not bribed. I would not mention a man's name unless I was quite certain, because there are heaps of people who talk about bribery, and of people being bribed, but I do not know whether it may be true or not.

14,462. We will find out whether it is true or not?—Of course you will. I do not think you have had anybody before you who has had a 6*l.* from me, and I do not think you will, because you cannot.

14,463. Who are the people who you have heard as having bribed at the election at Sandwich?—I do not go out in Sandwich at all. I always stay at home and never mix with the people. All that I have heard is simply among my own friends in my own private house.

14,464. You had better tell us because it will save time?—I cannot tell you.

14,465. Yes you can, pardon me?—I tell you that I cannot.

14,466. You have already given several evasive answers?—No, I have told you the truth, but you lead me into giving evasive answers. You ask me whether I know anything else, and I say no, and you cannot prove to the contrary.

14,467. Do you know of anybody who spent any money for the purposes of this election besides Mr. Gillow?—No, I do not, because I never took any interest in it. Of course I have heard it talked about.

14,468. Have you heard any names mentioned of persons who gave money at the election?—No.

14,469. Are you sure?—Quite certain.

14,470. Why did you say just now that if you mentioned names you might mention them unjustly?—I might mention names that I heard rumoured about in the town, but of which I know nothing personally.

14,471. Mention those names?—I heard that there was bribery upon the Conservative side.

14,472. Tell me what names you heard mentioned in connexion with bribery on either side?—I heard of Mr. Olds of Deal having bribed a few.

14,473. Anybody else?—I heard of Hughes, of Sandwich having bribed a few.

14,474. Anybody else?—Hooper, of Sandwich, having bribed a few.

14,475. Go on?—That is about all.

14,476. No, pardon me, that cannot be so, because you told me just now that the people whose names you mention might be unjustly mentioned, and the names

that you have given me now are those of persons every one of whom have been examined?—That is all that I know.

14,477. Yes, I think you do know some more. I think you have heard other names mentioned?—I have not.

14,478. Then what did you mean just now by saying that there were persons against whom you might make unjust accusations?—I might mention the names.

14,479. If you might mention the names, do it?—No, I cannot mention any names.

14,480. I have asked you several times what you meant just now by saying that if you mentioned names you might make unjust accusations?—I meant that I might mention names of people in the town, but I know nothing about whether they have bribed, or not.

14,481. Then mention those names?—I do not know any names.

14,482. Again I ask you, what did you mean by saying that if you mentioned names you might mention them unjustly?—I might mention them unjustly. I have heard rumours in the town of different people bribing; Olds, Hughes, Hooper, whose names I have mentioned, and I really do not like to mention others, because I do not know, and I cannot tell you what I do not know.

14,483. You can tell me what you do know. I think amongst the things you do know are rumours of persons having bribed whose names you have not given?—I do not know any.

14,484. I mean besides the names that you have given of Olds, Hooper, and Hughes?—I think those bribed.

14,485. But besides those?—No, I know of nothing.

14,486. You have heard?—No, I have not heard.

14,487. Upon your oath do you mean to say that you have not heard that anybody has bribed in Sandwich besides Hughes, Hooper, Olds, and Mr. Gillow?—No, none.

14,488. You swear that?—Yes.

14,489. You swear that you do not know, either by report or rumour, or in any other way that you have heard, that anybody in Sandwich has bribed, besides the four persons whose names I have mentioned?—No; of course I have heard of them, but I have heard of nobody else, and I do not know of anybody else.

14,490. Have you heard of any others?—No.

14,491. Are you sure of that?—Yes, certain.

14,492. I am putting it to you as deliberately as possible, and if it turns out to be untrue what you are now saying, you will have to answer for the consequences of it?—If it turns out to be untrue whether I have heard of a certain thing?

14,493. Yes?—I have heard nothing that I could tell you, and if I have not heard it I cannot tell you. I told you so at first, but you keep dragging on this question, and try to confound me, but I assure you I have heard of nobody but the names I have mentioned. I do not mix with the people and have only heard of the general talk of the election, and I cannot recollect anybody else.

14,494. If you chose to give that answer you can do so—am I to clearly understand that you have not heard of anybody else having bribed in Sandwich, besides those four names?—Yes.

14,495. You clearly understand what I am asking you?—Yes, I clearly understand it.

W. Allen.

WILLIAM ALLEN sworn and examined.

14,496. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bootmaker.

14,497. Where do you live?—In Deal.

14,498. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,499. From whom?—Mr. Henry Spears.

14,500. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

14,501. Did you receive anything else?—No.

W. Butler.

WILLIAM BUTLER sworn and examined.

14,502. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pensioner.

14,503. Where do you live?—46, West Street.

14,504. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,505. From whom?—From Mr. Ralph, the blacksmith.

14,506. That was for your vote?—Yes.

14,507. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing whatever.

H. Cook.

HENRY COOK sworn and examined.

14,508. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

14,509. Where do you live?—11, Short Street.

14,510. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,511. From whom?—Mr. Henry Spears.

14,512. That was for your vote?—Yes.

14,513. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing at all.

GEORGE THOMAS JARVIS sworn and examined.

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- 14,514. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—No. 2, Bulwark Row.
14,515. What did you receive?—3*l*.
14,516. From whom?—Henry Spears.

- 14,517. What are you?—A boatman.
14,518. Did you receive anything else?—No.
14,519. That was for your vote?—I suppose so.

WILLIAM LARKINS sworn and examined.

W. Larkins.

- 14,520. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
14,521. Where do you live?—191, Middle Street.
14,522. What did you receive?—3*l*.
14,523. From whom?—Mr. George Porter.
14,524. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

- 14,525. Did you receive anything else?—5*s*. a day for being door keeper at the "Royal Oak."
14,526. From whom did you get that?—I could not tell you the gentleman that paid me.
14,527. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

GEORGE SHARDON sworn and examined.

G. Shardon.

- 14,528. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A railway porter.
14,529. Where do you live?—In Deal.
14,530. What did you receive?—3*l*.

- 14,531. From whom?—Mr. Watts.
14,532. That was for your vote?—Yes.
14,533. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

JOSEPH NOWERS sworn and examined.

J. Nowers.

- 14,534. (*Mr. Turner.*) I believe you are foreman to Mr. Terry?—Yes.
14,535. We have heard that you had a sum of 60*l*. given to you?—Yes.
14,536. What did you do with it?—I spent it among 11 voters, 5*l*. each, and 5*l*. for myself.
14,537. Have you got a list of those voters?—Yes (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).
14,538. This list includes the names of the people who had the money?—Yes.
14,539. Including yourself?—Yes.
14,540. And that was for voting?—Yes.
14,541. Had you any other money?—I had 3*l*. from James Brett.
14,542. What for?—For my vote.
14,543. Again for voting?—Yes, but I did not receive it till some time after the election.
14,544. It was for voting?—Yes, I suppose so.
14,545. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.
14,546. No other moneys?—No.
14,547. Did you treat at all at the election?—No, not a farthing.
14,548. Did you do anything else in connexion with the election?—No, nothing.

- 14,549. Did anybody else that you know of treat your men?—No.
14,550. You got 5*l*. from Richard Gillow?—Yes.
14,551. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you get anything else from anyone?—No, not a farthing.
14,552. I do not mean for yourself, but to distribute?—No.
14,553. Did you pay anybody anything besides what you have told us?—No.
14,554. Or promised anyone?—No.
14,555. Did you give anything to a person of the name of J. Town, or G. Town, Church Street?—No.
14,556. Or William Deverson, Church Street?—No.
14,557. Or W. Lawrence, Fisher Street?—No.
14,558. Or Captain Brenchley?—No.
14,559. Do you know Brenchley?—Yes, well.
14,560. Is he one of your men?—He was formerly, but he has left some months.
14,561. You did not give anything to him, or promise anything to him?—No.
14,562. Do you know of anything being given to him?—No, I do not.
14,563. Did you give anything to John Kenton, Paradise Lane?—No.
14,564. Do you know of anything being given to him?—No, I am not aware of a farthing.

CHARLES HENRY CURLING sworn and examined.

C. H. Curling.

- 14,565. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gardener.
14,566. Where do you live?—Middle Road, Deal.
14,567. You received something from Mr. Myhill?—Yes.

- 14,568. How much?—3*l*.
14,569. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
14,570. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

JAMES CHANDLER sworn and examined.

J. Chandler.

- 14,571. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
14,572. Do you live at Deal?—Yes.
14,573. What did you receive?—3*l*.
14,574. From whom?—Mr. Erridge.

- 14,575. For your vote?—After I had voted.
14,576. But it was for your vote?—Yes.
14,577. Did you receive anything else?—No.

HENRY CATTERMOLLE sworn and examined.

H. Cattermole.

- 14,578. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
14,579. Do you live in Deal?—Yes, 8, Nelson Street.
14,580. What did you receive?—3*l*.

- 14,581. From whom?—From Mr. Erridge.
14,582. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
14,583. Did you receive anything else?—No.

ADAM COLLARD LAMBERT sworn and examined.

A.C. Lambert.

- 14,584. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
14,585. Where do you live?—5, Oak Street.
14,586. What did you receive?—3*l*. 13*s*. I am one of the 42.
14,587. Was that from Messrs. Lambert and Marsh?—Yes.

- 14,588. Was that for your vote?—Yes, and detention for stopping ashore. I have here (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*) a certificate from my brother-in-law, William Sole, who is ill and unable to attend.

JOHN GOYMER sworn and examined.

J. Goymer.

- 14,589. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
14,590. Where do you live?—9*a*, Middle Street.
14,591. What did you receive?—3*l*.
14,592. From whom?—From Mr. Porter and Mr. Rea.
14,593. That was for your vote?—Yes.
14,594. Anything else?—Yes.
14,595. How much?—2*l*. 9*s*. 6*d*. for sticking bills.

- 14,596. Who employed you to do that?—Mr. Roberts.
14,597. How long were you about it?—Six days. Here is the bill (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).
14,598. Why are the charges different?—Because I was called up sometimes at 2 o'clock in the morning, and was working of a night.
14,599. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

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EDWARD THOMAS SPAIN sworn and examined.

14,600. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A dairyman.
 14,601. Where do you live?—Mongeham.
 14,602. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,603. From whom?—Mr. George Denne.

14,604. That was for your vote?—Well, I expect so. I did nothing else.
 14,605. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

G. F. Thompson.

GEORGE FREEMAN THOMPSON sworn and examined.

14,606. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A painter.
 14,607. Where do you live?—2, Silver Street.
 14,608. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,609. From whom?—Mr. Wilds, "North Star."
 14,610. What for?—My vote, I suppose.
 14,611. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

A. A. Simmons.

ARTHUR ATKINS SIMMONS sworn and examined.

14,612. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,613. Where do you live?—34, West Street.
 14,614. What did you receive?—4*l.*
 14,615. Who from?—Joe Brown and Jack Elliott; 2*l.* from each of them.
 14,616. What was the 2*l.* from Joe Brown for?—For my vote, I suppose.

14,617. And what was the 2*l.* from Jack Elliott for?—My vote, I suppose.
 14,618. On each side, that was?—Yes.
 14,619. Anything else did you receive?—No.
 14,620. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you not receive money from J. J. Ralph?—No.
 (*Mr. John Ralph.*) Elliott was in the room when I paid him, that is all.

J. Futter.

JAMES FUTTER sworn and examined.

14,621. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A farm bailiff.
 14,622. Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 14,623. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,624. From whom?—Mr. Watts.

14,625. That was for your vote?—Yes.
 14,626. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

T. Chandler, Senr.

THOMAS CHANDLER, senr. sworn and examined.

14,627. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
 14,628. Do you live in Deal?—Yes, 3, Nelson Street.
 14,629. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Erridge.

14,630. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,631. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

A. W. Ashington.

THOMAS WILLIAM ASHINGTON sworn and examined.

14,632. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 14,633. Where do you live?—7, Alfred Row.
 14,634. Did you receive 3*l.* from Henry Spears?—Yes.

14,635. That was for your vote?—Yes.
 14,636. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing.

G. Epsly.

GEORGE EPSLY sworn and examined.

14,637. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,638. Where do you live?—No. 7, Nelson Street.

14,639. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Erridge for your vote?—I suppose so.
 14,640. Did you receive anything else?—No.

H. Williams.

HENRY WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

14,641. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A hawker.
 14,642. Where do you live?—6, West Street.
 14,643. What did you receive?—6*l.*
 14,644. Was that in one sum?—3*l.* off Mr. John Ralph, and 3*l.* off Joseph Brown.

14,645. Were both sums for your vote?—I expect so.
 14,646. On each side?—Yes.
 14,647. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

C. Pearce.

CHARLES PEARCE sworn and examined.

14,648. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,649. Where do you live?—Atherton Cottages.
 14,650. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,651. From whom?—Mr. Myhill.

14,652. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,653. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

H. Foster.

HENRY FOSTER sworn and examined.

14,654. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a mariner?—Yes.
 14,655. Where do you live?—No. 8, Alexandria Cottages.
 14,656. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

14,657. From whom?—Mr. Robert Wilds.
 14,658. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 14,659. That was for your vote?—Yes, that for my vote, I suppose.

W. Phippen.

WILLIAM PHIPPEN sworn and examined.

14,660. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,661. Where do you live?—Beach Street, North End.
 14,662. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes, 3*l.* from Mr. John Ralph.
 14,663. Anything else?—3*l.* from Joe Brown.

14,664. Were both of those sums for your vote?—I suppose so; so far as I know.
 14,665. You took it as such?—Yes, I took it as such.
 14,666. Did you receive anything else?—No, that is all.

W. Berwick.

WILLIAM BERWICK sworn and examined.

14,667. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A Liberal.
 14,668. What are you by profession?—A plasterer.
 14,669. Where do you live?—No. 4, Grove Terrace.

14,670. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes, 3*l.* to vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 14,671. From whom?—Mr. Watts.
 14,672. Did you receive anything else?—No.

HENRY HANGER sworn and examined.

14,673. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a mariner?—Yes.
 14,674. Where do you live?—No. 3, Beach Row.
 14,675. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

14,676. From whom?—Mr. Robert Wilds.
 14,677. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,678. Did you receive anything else?—No.

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EDWARD REDSULL sworn and examined.

14,679. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,680. Where do you live?—No. 5, Exchange Street.
 14,681. What did you receive?—Two 3*s.*
 14,682. From whom did you receive one 3*l.*?—3*l.* from Walter Solomon, and 3*l.* from Joe Brown.

14,683. Of course that was for your vote?—I believe it was.
 14,684. To vote both ways?—No, you cannot vote but for one, can you?
 14,685. You so received it?—Yes, I received it.
 14,686. Did you get anything else?—No.

E. Redsull.

GEORGE LONGHURST sworn and examined.

14,687. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A railway guard.
 14,688. Where do you live?—6, Grove Terrace.
 14,689. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

14,690. From whom?—Mr. Watts.
 14,691. For your vote?—Yes.
 14,692. Did you get anything else?—No.

G. Longhurst.

THOMAS OBREE sworn and examined.

14,693. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 14,694. Where do you live?—No. 7, Exchange Street.
 14,695. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
 14,696. Who from?—Mr. Rea.
 14,697. For your vote?—Yes.

14,698. Anything else?—I put several poles up occasionally and got a trifle for that.
 14,699. What did you get for that?—We got 30*s.* a pole and had to divide it amongst so many, you see.
 14,700. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

T. Obree.

JOHN MILLGATE sworn and examined.

14,701. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Foreman plate-layer.
 14,702. Where do you live?—32, Nelson Street.
 14,703. What did you receive?—Two 3*s.*
 14,704. One from whom?—Mr. Bushell.

14,705. And the other from whom?—Mr. Watts.
 14,706. To vote both ways?—Yes.
 14,707. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 14,708. Was that Mr. Bushell of Belmont?—Yes.

J. Millgate.

THOMAS HAMBROOK sworn and examined.

14,709. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I have been a carter.
 14,710. Where do you live?—6, West Street.
 14,711. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
 14,712. From whom?—Mr. Ralph.
 14,713. Anything else?—Yes, I received 3*l.* in the afternoon. I had not been asked for a vote by anybody else, and I was sent for and received 3*l.* off Mr. Watts.

14,714. For your vote?—I do not know what the 3*l.* was for afterwards. I was never asked for a vote upon that side at all.
 14,715. The first 3*l.* was for your vote?—Yes.
 14,716. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else. I had no treating or anything of the sort.

T. Hambrook.

HENRY BEAL sworn and examined.

14,717. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—17, Nelson Street.
 14,718. What are you?—A labourer.
 14,719. What did you receive?—3*l.* from William Bushell.
 14,720. And 3*l.* from anybody else?—Yes, 3*l.* from Mr. Watts.
 14,721. For your vote?—Yes. Mr. Watts never asked me for my vote.
 14,722. Mr. Bushell did?—Yes.

14,723. I suppose it had something to do with your vote when Mr. Watts gave you 3*l.*?—No, he never asked me.
 14,724. What did you think he gave it to you for, was it not for the vote?—I do not know I am sure.
 14,725. Do you not think it had something to do with it?—He never asked me for my vote.
 14,726. You received the first 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.
 14,727. Did you receive anything else besides the two 3*l.*?—No.

H. Beal.

HENRY MARSH sworn and examined.

14,728. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 14,729. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,730. From whom?—Mr. Wilds of the "North Star."
 14,731. That was for your vote?—Yes.

H. Marsh.

GEORGE GRAY sworn and examined.

14,732. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 14,733. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,734. From whom?—Mr. Valentine Myhill.

14,735. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,736. Did you receive anything else?—No.

G. Gray.

THOMAS WILLIAM COREY sworn and examined.

14,737. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a mariner?—Yes.
 14,738. Where do you live?—78, High Street.
 14,739. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes, from Mr. Wilds of the "North Star."

14,740. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,741. Did you receive anything else?—No.

T. W. Corey.

ALFRED HENRY REDSULL sworn and examined.

14,742. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a mariner?—Yes.
 14,743. Where do you live?—No. 86, High Street.
 14,744. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Wilds?—Yes.

14,745. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,746. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.

A. H. Redsull.

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EDMUND JOSHUA PAIN sworn and examined.

14,747. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a mariner?—Yes.
 14,748. Where do you live?—87, High Street.
 14,749. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Wilds?—Yes.

14,750. For your vote?—Yes.
 14,751. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

T. G. Brown.

THOMAS GEORGE BROWN sworn and examined.

14,752. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a mariner?—Yes.
 14,753. Where do you live?—103, Middle Street.
 14,754. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

14,755. From whom?—Mr. Wilds.
 14,756. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,757. Did you receive anything else?—No.

J. V. Denham.

JOSEPH VINCENT DENHAM sworn and examined.

14,758. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 14,759. Where do you live?—2, St. Leonard's Terrace, Upper Deal.
 14,760. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,761. From whom?—Mr. H. Spears.
 14,762. For your vote?—Yes.
 14,763. Did you receive anything else?—No.

E. Hanger.]

EDWARD HANGER sworn and examined.

14,764. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 14,765. Where do you live?—65, High Street.
 14,766. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,767. From whom?—Mr. Wilds of the "North Star."
 14,768. For your vote?—Yes.
 14,769. Did you receive anything else?—No.

J. Stanton.

JOHN STANTON sworn and examined.

14,770. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 14,771. Where do you live?—Kings Arms' Alley.
 14,772. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

14,773. From whom?—Mr. Wilds.
 14,774. For your vote?—Yes.
 14,775. Did you receive anything else?—No.

H. W. May.

HENRY WILLIAM MAY sworn and examined.

14,776. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,777. Where do you live?—No. 6, Gravel Lane.
 14,778. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

14,779. From whom?—Henry Spears.
 14,780. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,781. Did you receive anything else?—No.

S. Huxstep.

STEPHEN HUXSTEP sworn and examined.

14,782. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,783. Where do you live?—14, Jew's Harp Alley.
 14,784. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,785. From whom?—Mr. Porter.

14,786. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 14,787. Did you receive anything else?—No, only a shilling or two for helping sticking up poles.
 14,788. Nothing else?—No.

S. A. Goodban.

STEPHEN ARTHUR GOODBAN sworn and examined.

14,789. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,790. Where do you live?—No. 3, Bulwark Row.
 14,791. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,792. From whom?—Mr. Rea.
 14,793. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,794. Did you receive anything else?—No.

T.M. Wratten.

THOMAS MARKS WRATTEN sworn and examined.

14,795. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,796. Where do you live?—151, High Street.
 14,797. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

14,798. From whom?—Mr. Rea.
 14,799. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,800. Did you receive anything else?—No.

*W. T.**Hookham.*

WALTER THOMAS HOOKHAM sworn and examined.

14,801. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A lodging-house keeper.
 14,802. Where do you live?—106, South Esplanade.
 14,803. What did you receive?—3*l.* for a committee room.

14,804. Was it used at all?—Yes.
 14,805. To put placards up?—Yes.
 14,806. Anything else?—I had some people come into the room.

14,807. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 14,808. That was all, you say?—Yes that was all.
 14,809. From whom did you receive it?—Henry Spears.

14,810. Did they use your room for anything else besides putting up bills?—Yes, I had one or two gentlemen in there, coming and conversing—Mr. Crompton Roberts was there.

14,811. Once or twice I suppose?—Yes.
 14,812. (*Mr. Jeuna.*) Who took your rooms?—Mr. Henry Spears.

14,813. How long before the election?—Two days.
 14,814. What did he come and ask you for?—I met him in the street and told him that I saw Mr. King, a lodging-house keeper, a neighbour of mine, had got a committee room for Sir Julian Goldsmid. Before that,

I should say, I fell in with young Mr. King, and I said, "I see your father has got a committee room."

14,815. And you thought you would like [to have a committee room?—Yes, and young Mr. King said he would bring Sir Julian to see me, but before Sir Julian was brought to me I fell in with Spears, and after that Sir Julian came with young Mr. King, and asked where I was, and my wife told him I was out and he seemed to be in a great passion about it. About ten minutes afterwards, my wife told me two other gentlemen came.

14,816. Who were they?—One was Mr. Walter James from Betshanger, a member of Parliament, and the other, Mr. Reynolds, a shoemaker and canvasser. He asked my wife how I was going to vote, and she told him I was Conservative, and Mr. Walter James made a remark that it would be a bad job for me.

14,817. Henry Spears, you say, took your room two days before the election?—Yes.

14,818. You met him in the street, and did you ask him to take it?—I saw him upon the Esplanade.

14,819. And you asked him to take it?—I said, "Are the Conservatives going to have any committee rooms as well as the Liberals."

14,820. You told him you wanted your room taken?—Yes, and he said he would have it.

14,821. Did you arrange the price?—Yes, 3*l.*

14,822. He said he would give you 3*l.* for it?—Yes.

14,823. For the two days?—Yes.
 14,824. What is the rent of the house?—It belongs to me.
 14,825. What is it rated at?—30*l.* 10*s.*
 14,826. What room was this?—Upon the ground floor.
 14,827. What do you usually use it for?—For letting purposes.
 14,828. 3*l.* for a room upon the ground floor for two days?—That is nothing.
 14,829. You think that is nothing?—I have had more than that.
 14,830. Did you ever let that room for two days for 3*l.* except at this election time?—For two days.
 14,831. Yes?—I cannot say for two days—we never let the rooms under a week. I should not let any room under a week.
 14,832. Did you ever let that room for 3*l.* a week?—Yes, and more too.
 14,833. When?—At different times of the year.
 14,834. When did you last do that?—I cannot say.
 14,835. Try and recollect?—I cannot try.
 14,836. Yes, you can?—Do not you believe me?
 14,837. I do not say that—we will see when we have heard your examination?—It would be in August.
 14,838. This last August?—Yes.
 14,839. To whom?—I think that is like the voting, that is a secret.
 14,840. I should like to know, unless you would rather not tell me, and then I can draw my own conclusions?—If I were to tell you the parties name you would not know them.
 14,841. I shall want the name and address?—I would rather not tell you.
 14,842. But I shall want the name and address?—That I do not know—if I give you the name I cannot give you the address.
 14,843. I shall want the name and full description of the person to be communicated with?—Miss Saunders.
 14,844. When was that?—That was in August.
 14,845. This last August?—Yes.
 14,846. What week in August was it?—I cannot say—I think it was two weeks in August the latter part of August.
 14,847. Did Miss Saunders come and stay at your house?—Yes.
 14,848. What rooms did she take?—She took the same rooms.

JOHN BUSIN sworn and examined.

14,869. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pensioner.
 14,870. Where do you live?—216, West Street, Deal.
 14,871. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,872. From whom?—Mr. Ralph.

14,849. Any more rooms than one?—Two bedrooms with it—that is the suite.
 14,850. You see that was not letting one room for 3*l.*?—We do not let one; we do not let without we let the whole suite.
 14,851. What did she pay?—She paid three guineas.
 14,852. A week?—Yes.
 14,853. For that room and two bed-rooms?—Yes, that is it.
 14,854. Where does Miss Saunders live?—I cannot tell you; we never ask where parties live.
 14,855. Did she come alone?—No, she brought a young gentleman with here, about 10 years of age.
 14,856. Did she ever stay at your house before?—No, never.
 14,857. Or since?—No, never since.
 14,858. You do not know where she came from, and you do not know where she went to?—No, I do not know where she came from and I do not know where she went to.
 14,859. Where did she go when she went away?—She went away by the train, but I do not know where she went.
 14,860. Is that the only time you ever let the room for more than 3*l.*?—No.
 14,861. When besides?—Often times.
 14,862. August is the height of the season, is it not?—July, August, and September is supposed to be the season here.
 14,863. May is not the height of the season?—Some-times.
 14,864. Of course, at election times it is the height of the season?—July, August, and September is supposed to be the season here.
 14,865. (*Mr. Holl.*) You knew when you went and asked Mr. Spears to take this room, that they really did not want it?—I knew nothing about it, I am sure. I see Mr. King, who had a private house, had a committee room, and I did not see why I should not have one.
 14,866. You thought because Mr. King had let his room you might have something out of it; you knew they really did not want it?—No, I did not. I thought, as they had so many public-houses they might want a private house.
 14,867. You thought Mr. Spears ought to do you a turn?—Yes, certainly; he is a neighbour.
 14,868. And it was to vote for them?—No, not to vote for them.

W. T.
 Hookham.
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GEORGE PORDIGE MAGRE sworn and examined.

14,875. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 14,876. Where do you live?—89, Beach Street.
 14,877. Did you get 3*l.*?—Yes.
 14,878. From whom?—Henry Spears.

14,879. For your vote?—I suppose so.
 14,880. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

G. P. Magec.

THOMAS BUTTRESS sworn and examined.

14,881. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A market gardener.
 14,882. Where do you live?—80, High Street.
 14,883. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,884. Who from?—Richard Wilds, of the "North Star."
 14,885. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,886. Anything else?—Nothing else.

T. Buttress.

WILLIAM BEER sworn and examined.

14,887. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A stableman.
 14,888. Where do you live?—42, Middle Street.
 14,889. Did you receive any money?—Yes, from Mr. Ralph.

14,890. How much?—3*l.*
 14,891. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,892. Did you receive anything else?—No nothing else.

W. Beer.

JOHN LADD sworn and examined.

14,893. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 14,894. Where do you live?—7, Upper Queen Street.
 14,895. From whom did you receive any money?—Henry Spears.

14,896. How much?—3*l.*
 14,897. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.
 14,898. Was that 3*l.* for your vote?—I suppose so.

J. Ladd.

C. Beeching.

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CHARLES BEECHING sworn and examined.

- 14,899. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,900. Where do you live?—Dulcina Cottage, Gravel Walk.
 14,901. What did you receive?—6*l.*
 14,902. Two sums of 3*l.*?—Yes; 3*l.* from Mr. Ralph and 3*l.* from Mr. Watts.
 14,903. That was for your vote, I suppose?—The 3*l.*

from Mr. Ralph was, but I did not know anything about the 3*l.* I received from Mr. Watts until the election morning. He never canvassed me.

14,904. But still you thought it had something to do with your vote?—Well, I thought I might as well have it as well as anybody else.

14,905. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

W. R. Betts.

WILLIAM R. BETTS sworn and examined.

- 14,906. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,907. Where do you live?—5, Griffen Street.
 14,908. How much did you receive?—3*l.*
 14,909. From whom?—Walter Solomon.

14,910. Was that for your vote?—I do not know what it was for.

14,911. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing; not a farthing.

J. Foster.

JOHN FOSTER sworn and examined.

- 14,912. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 14,913. Where do you live?—184, Beach Street.
 14,914. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,915. From whom?—Roberts Wilds.

14,916. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

14,917. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

J. Buttress.

JAMES BUTTRESS sworn and examined.

- 14,918. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A blacksmith.
 14,919. Where do you live?—18, Gladstone Road.
 14,920. Did you receive something from Mr. Ralph?
 —Yes, 3*l.*

14,921. Was that for your vote?—Yes

14,922. Anything else?—No, not a farthing.

W. Frost.

WILLIAM FROST sworn and examined.

- 14,923. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,924. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Ralph?—I received 6*l.*
 14,925. From Mr. Ralph?—No, 3*l.* from Mr. John Ralph, and 3*l.* from Fiery Brown; when he met me he said he had some money for me; it was wrapped up in a piece of paper, and he gave it to me, and I did not know what it was until after looking at it.
 14,926. Was the first 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

14,927. And the second 3*l.* also?—I know nothing about that; I spent it like a little cock, I did.

14,928. What is Mr. Brown's Christian name?—Joseph Brown.

14,929. What did you think that 3*l.* was for that he gave you?—Well, for lush, I thought; I walked to and fro from Sandwich.

14,930. Did you get anything else?—No nothing.

W. Tandy.

WALTER TANDY sworn and examined.

- 14,931. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 14,932. Where do you live?—7, Carter Street.
 14,933. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. License.
 14,934. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,935. Did you get anything else?—Yes.
 14,936. How much?—3*l.* from Mr. Brown.
 14,937. Joseph Brown is that?—Yes.

14,938. Was that for your vote?—No.

14,939. What was it for?—He gave it me, and said he had got some money for me, and if I did not like to have it somebody else would, and so I took it.

14,940. Was that after the election?—It was the election day.

14,941. Before you voted?—Yes.

14,942. Did you receive anything else?—No.

T. Woodcock.

THOMAS WOODCOCK sworn and examined.

- 14,943. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pensioner.
 14,944. Where do you live?—20, Gladstone Road.
 14,945. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,946. From whom?—Mr. Spears.

14,947. For your vote?—Yes.

14,948. Did you get anything else?—No.

N. Norris.

NORRIS NORRIS sworn and examined.

- 14,949. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 14,950. Where do you live?—12, North Street.
 14,951. Did you receive 3*l.* from Wilds?—Yes.
 14,952. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 14,953. Did you get anything else?—Yes, indirectly; my wife received 3*l.*

14,954. How?—It was brought to the house.

14,955. But who brought it?—I believe it came from Stephen Norris.

14,956. And you knew that it was for your vote?—Well, one asked me, and the other did not.

14,957. But still you kept the two sums?—Certainly.

14,958. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

T. Duffy.

THOMAS DUFFY sworn and examined.

- 14,959. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A tailor.
 14,960. Where do live?—4, Griffen Street.
 14,961. What did you receive?—3*l.*

14,962. From whom?—From Mr. Spears.

14,963. That was for your vote?—Yes.

14,964. Anything else?—No, that is all.

R. Sharp.

RICHARD SHARP recalled and further examined.

14,965. (*Mr. Turner.*) You have been here before, I think?—Yes, on Friday.

14,966. Did you receive money from two people?—Yes.

14,967. Who were the two?—Harry Norris, and the other was Mr. Rea, and the other was Mr. Warner.

14,968. Three people did you receive from?—Yes, I mentioned the people before I had your summonses, but have only got three with me.

14,969. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. Norris?—4*l.* from

Mr. Norris, and 3*l.* from Mr. Rea, and from Mr. Warner, 3*l.*

14,970. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Two of your summonses are for to-day?—I do not know; I have not looked.

14,971. You have only had three separate ones?—Yes, that is all.

14,972. That is what you had a right to expect, three bribes, and three summonses; you need not come again if summoned?—I am much obliged to you, gentlemen.

FREDERICK WILMSHURST recalled and further examined.

F. Wilmshurst.

14,973. (*Mr. Holl.*) You have been examined before?
—Yes.

14,974. Did you get money from Mr. Ralph?
Yes.

14,975. And who else?—From my father.

14,976. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did anybody give it to your father to give to you?—I believe so.

14,977. Who was that?—I think it was Ramell gave it to him.

14,978. And that is all you got?—Yes, that is all.

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GROVE NORRIS sworn and examined.

G. Norris.

14,979. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A publican.

14,980. Where do you live?—183, Beach Street.

14,981. What is the name of your house?—The "Deal Lugger."

14,982. What did you receive?—3*l*.

14,983. From whom?—Robert Wilda.

14,984. Anything else?—5*l*. for a committee room.

14,985. What use did they make of the room?—Put bills up in the window, and took them down as they liked.

14,986. The 3*l*. was for your vote?—Yes.

14,987. Did you receive anything else except the 5*l*?
—No.

14,988. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did they use the committee room

for anything else than putting up bills?—Yes, there were people in and out; a great many in and out.

14,989. Did they have refreshments there?—No refreshments.

14,990. How often did they come?—I was not always in the bar to see them come to and fro. They was in and out in the course of the day.

14,991. How often do you think anybody came and used the room in the course of the day?—I could not say exactly.

14,992. What did they do there?—Of course they was in and out. I do not know what they did. Some stuck up bills.

14,993. And you do not know of anything else they used the room for?—No.

RICHARD HENRY HAYMAN sworn and examined.

R.H. Hayman.

14,994. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carman.

14,995. Where do you live?—13, Upper Queen Street.

14,996. What did you receive?—3*l*. from Henry Spears, and one from Mr. Watts.

14,997. Was the 3*l*. from Spears for your vote?—Yes.

14,998. And what was Mr. Watts' for?—About the same, I suppose.

JOHN WILLIAM FRIEND recalled and further examined.

J. W. Friend.

14,999. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bootmaker.

15,000. Where do you live?—1, Nelson Street.

15,001. What did you receive?—3*l*. from Mr. Hayman.

15,002. And no one else?—No one else.

15,003. Have you been here before?—I was here on Wednesday last.

15,004. Were you examined?—Yes.

15,005. Have you received money from anyone else?
—No.

15,006. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Is that the only sum of money that you have had?—Yes, the only sum.

15,007. Were your summonses exactly the same?—Yes, I have them with me.

15,008. Then I am afraid you have had two journeys here, but you had better have two journeys here than one journey to another place?—Yes.

15,009. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you not have some money from Spears?—I did not.

[Adjourned for a short time.]

FREDERICK LEE sworn and examined.

F. Lee.

15,010. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—An ironmonger.

15,011. Where do you live?—Dove Street, Sandwich.

15,012. What money did you receive in connexion with the election?—On the morning of the election George Lock came to me. I was in the shop myself, and he gave me a small parcel. I untied it, and I found there were nine sovereigns. I have two other brothers; one is employed in the business, and the other is a partner of mine. I showed it to him, and also to my brother in the business, who is in poor circumstances, and he said he should like to have it, and we gave it to him.

15,013. You gave the whole 9*l*. to one of your brothers?—Yes, to my elder brother. He has a large family, and in rather poor circumstances.

15,014. What is the name of the brother you gave it to?—Charles Lee.

15,015. Where does he live?—St. Peter's Street.

15,016. Did you keep any of it?—None.

15,017. Did your brother, who is your partner, keep any?—No, we gave the whole of it to my elder brother.

15,018. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Had you any conversation with George Lock before?—He came to us several times and asked us if we were going to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts. I said it was undecided, and I really did not like to give him an answer. As young men in business we did not feel independent enough to vote at all.

15,019. Did you vote?—I did not.

15,020. Did your brother who is your partner vote?—He would not tell me; he kept that to himself.

15,021. Is he a voter?—Yes.

15,022. And you do not know whether he voted or not?—I do not know; I believe he did.

15,023. But you did not vote yourself?—I did not.

15,024. And you gave the whole of the 9*l*. to your brother, who is in your employ?—Yes.

15,025. Where does he live?—In St. Peters Street.

15,026. Is he a voter too?—Yes.

15,027. You knew it was intended for your vote?—I suppose it was.

15,028. Did you receive any money at all?—None.

15,029. From no one?—No.

15,030. (*Mr. Turner.*) Was your brother who had the 9*l*. a voter?—He is a voter.

15,031. And you do not know whether he voted or not?—I believe he did.

15,032. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you give anything more to anyone in connexion with this election?—Not at all.

15,033. Or promise anyone anything more?—I did not.

15,034. You have given us the name of the brother you gave the 9*l*. to, what is the name of your other brother?—Joseph Lee.

15,035. Where does he live?—In Dove Street.

15,036. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did he have anything for his vote, do you know?—Only in that way. I suppose this 9*l*. was meant for the three of us, 3*l*. each.

15,037. You do not know whether he got part of the 9*l*?—He did not get any of it.

15,038. Are you sure he did not keep any of it?—I am sure of that.

JOHN NEWING sworn and examined.

J. Newing.

15,039. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—47, West Street.

15,040. What money did you get?—I had 3*l*. from Mr. Ralph.

15,041. Is that all?—That is all.

15,042. Have you got a son named John Newing?—Yes, I have a son named John Newing.

15,043. Is he here?—I do not think he is.

15,044. Was that 3*l*. for your vote?—Yes.

W. Robinson.

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WILLIAM ROBINSON sworn and examined.

15,045. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 15,046. Did you receive any money?—3*l.*
 15,047. From whom?—Mr. Erridge.

15,048. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 15,049. Did you receive anything more?—No.

E. Kemp.

EDWARD KEMP sworn and examined.

15,050. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—6, Nelson Street.
 15,051. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 15,052. Who from?—Mr. Erridge.

15,053. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 15,054. Did you receive anything more?—Nothing more.

H. Spicer.

HENRY SPICKER sworn and examined.

15,055. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A pork butcher.
 15,056. Did you receive 3*l.* from Richard George Wilds?—I did.

15,057. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 15,058. Did you receive anything else?—No.

H. Bartlett.

HENRY BARTLETT sworn and examined.

15,059. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A plumber.
 15,060. Did you receive any money for your vote?—3*l.* from Mr. Ralph.

15,061. Is that all?—That is all.

J. Simmons.

JOHN SIMMONS sworn and examined.

15,062. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Farrier Street, Deal.
 15,063. What are you?—A plumber, painter, and glazier by trade.
 15,064. What did you receive?—3*l.*

15,065. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 15,066. Who from?—Mr. Bristow.
 15,067. Did you receive anything more?—Nothing more.

J. White.

JAMES WHITE sworn and examined.

15,068. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A railway guard.
 15,069. Where do you live?—Upper Queen Street.
 15,070. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Watts, of the "Railway Inn."

15,071. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 15,072. The 3*l.* was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

E. G. Adams.

EDWARD GABRIEL ADAMS sworn and examined.

15,073. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A baker.
 15,074. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 15,075. From Mr. Rea?—It was some gentleman there,

I did not receive it through Mr. Rea altogether, but he introduced me to the gentleman.
 15,076. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 15,077. Did you receive anything more?—Nothing more.

J. Trott.

JOHN TROTT sworn and examined.

15,078. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 15,079. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 15,080. Who from?—Mr. Spears, at the "Antwerp."
 15,081. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

15,082. Did you receive anything more?—Nothing more.
 15,083. Do you live at 3, Sheepfold?—I do not now; I did 12 months ago.
 15,084. Was that 3*l.* all you received?—That is all.

W. Nicholas.

WILLIAM NICHOLAS sworn and examined.

15,085. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A publican.
 15,086. What house do you keep?—The "Life Boat," at North End.
 15,087. What did you receive?—18*l.* from Mr. Evans.
 15,088. Have you been called before?—No, I was summoned for the 12th, but I was at sea.
 15,089. Did you get your summons on the 12th?—No, I was to have been here on the 12th, but I was at sea.
 15,090. And you received 18*l.* from Mr. Evans?—Yes.
 15,091. What is Mr. Evan's Christian name?—I do not know his Christian name—Charles, I think.
 15,092. Was that to distribute among voters?—Yes.
 15,093. Where does Mr. Evans live?—Farrier Street.
 15,094. Did you distribute that 18*l.* to different people?—Yes.
 15,095. To how many?—Six.
 15,096. Have you got a list of them?—Yes (*handing same*).
 15,097. You gave these men mentioned in this list 3*l.* each?—Yes.
 15,098. Did you receive anything more?—Yes.
 15,099. What was that for?—6*l.* for canvassing.
 15,100. Who was that from?—From Mr. Olds.
 15,101. Did you do any canvassing, or much canvassing?—Yes, I did.
 15,102. How long did you canvass?—About three weeks.
 15,103. About how many people did you see, should you think?—I cannot say how many.
 15,104. A dozen?—More than that, I daresay.

15,105. Twenty people?—More than 20, I daresay.
 15,106. Thirty people?—More than 30—30 perhaps.
 15,107. That did not take you a great deal of time; they were all round about you?—No; you can see by my list some of them were not round about where I live.
 15,108. It was to get your interest on the Conservative side, and to vote on the Conservative side, was it not?—To be sure it was—to do the best I could for them.
 15,109. It was partly for canvassing and partly for your vote?—No, I did not have anything for my vote; that was for canvassing.
 15,110. Are you sure it was Charles Evans, of Farrier Street, that you got this 18*l.* from?—Yes.
 15,111. What is he?—I do not know; a gentleman, as far as I know.
 15,112. Is he a private individual, or has he a shop, or anything of that kind?—He did at one time; he had a public-house, I believe.
 15,113. Do you know the number in Farrier Street where he lives?—No, I do not.
 15,114. Is that all the money you had?—I had 5*l.* for a committee room.
 15,115. Was that from Mr. Olds?—Yes.
 15,116. What did they do with the room? Did they use it at all except to put up some bills in?—They used it for bills. I do not know whether they used it for anything else when I was away.
 15,117. As far as you know, it was not used for anything else except to put up some bills in the window?—I cannot say whether it was or not.
 15,118. Is that all the money you received?—That is all.

JAMES MURPHY recalled and further examined.

J. Murphy.

15,119. (*Mr. Holl.*) You have been examined before ?
—Yes.
15,120. Did you receive money from two people ?—
Yes.

15,121. Who from ?—William Trigg and H. Bristow.
15,122. Is that all you received ?—Yes.

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THOMAS MIDDLETON sworn and examined.

T. Middleton.

15,123. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A boatman.
15,124. Where do you live ?—121, Beach Street.
15,125. Did you receive some money from Mr. Rea ?
—Yes.

15,126. How much ?—3*l.*
15,127. For your vote ?—Yes.
15,128. Did you receive anything else ?—No.

JOHN NEWING sworn and examined.

J. Newing.

15,129. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A labourer.
15,130. Where do you live ?—33, West Street.
15,131. What did you receive ?—I received 1*l.*, with a
promise of 2*l.* afterwards, but I have not got them.

15,132. Who did you receive the 1*l.* from ?—Mr. Ralph.
15,133. Did you receive anything ?—No.
15,134. Was that 1*l.* for your vote ?—Yes.

JOHN ROGERS sworn and examined.

J. Rogers.

15,135. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A labourer.
15,136. What did you receive ?—3*l.* from Mr. Ralph.
15,137. Was that for your vote ?—Yes.
15,138. Did you receive anything more ?—4*l.* from
Mr. William Norris.

15,139. Have you been here before ?—Yes.
15,140. When was that ?—Last week.
15,141. But what day ?—Friday.
15,142. Where do you live ?—4, Sunnyside.
15,143. Did you receive anything else ?—No.

GEORGE LOWNDES sworn and examined.

G. Lowndes.

15,144. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A tailor.
15,145. Where do you live ?—12, Silver Street.
15,146. What did you receive ?—3*l.* from my brother,
Robert Lowndes.
15,147. Was that for your vote ?—Yes.

15,148. Did you receive anything more ?—Yes, 7*s.* for
walking round to show the band round the town on the
day of the election.
15,149. Is that all you received ?—Yes, that is all.

JAMES ROUSE sworn and examined.

J. Rouse.

15,150. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A coal porter.
15,151. What money did you get ?—3*l.*
15,152. Who from ?—John Ralph, the blacksmith.

15,153. Was that for your vote ?—Yes.
15,154. Did you receive anything more ?—No.

GEORGE TWYMAN sworn and examined.

G. Twyman.

15,155. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A blacksmith.
15,156. What did you receive ?—3*l.*
15,157. Who from ?—Robert Lowndes of Robert
Street.

15,158. Was that for your vote ?—Yes.
15,159. Did you receive anything more ?—No.

WILLIAM WRIGHTON sworn and examined.

W. Wrighton.

15,160. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A signalman.
15,161. What did you receive ?—3*l.*
15,162. Who from ?—Henry Spears.

15,163. Where do you live ?—1, Crown Court.
15,164. Was that for your vote ?—Yes.
15,165. Did you get any more ?—Nothing more.

WILLIAM ALLEN sworn and examined.

W. Allen.

15,166. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A labourer.
15,167. What did you receive ?—3*l.* from Mr. John
Ralph, and 3*l.* from Mr. Joseph Brown.

15,168. Was that money for your vote ?—I sup-
pose so.
15,169. Did you receive anything more ?—No, nothing
more.

RICHARD KNIGHT sworn and examined.

R. Knight.

15,170. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A cordwainer.
15,171. What did you receive ?—3*l.*
15,172. Who from ?—Henry Spears.

15,173. Did you receive anything more ?—Nothing
more.

JOSEPH DENHAM sworn and examined.

J. Denham.

15,174. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A carpenter.
15,175. What did you receive ?—3*l.*
15,176. From whom ?—Henry Spears.

15,177. Did you receive anything more ?—No, nothing
more.
15,178. Was that for your vote ?—That was for my
vote. It was after I had voted.

CHARLES HOBBS sworn and examined.

C. Hobbs.

15,179. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—A sawyer.
15,180. What did you receive ?—3*l.*
15,181. Who from ?—From Mr. Phillpott of Walmer.
15,182. Was that for your vote ?—Yes.

15,183. Were you summoned for to-day ?—No, upon
Saturday, but I was called away to a funeral on
Saturday.
15,184. Was that all you received ?—That is all.

JOHN THOMAS sworn and examined.

J. Thomas.

15,185. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you ?—tailor.
15,186. What did you receive ?—3*l.*
15,187. From whom ?—Henry Spears.

15,188. Was that for your vote ?—Yes.
15,189. Did you receive anything more ?—No.

J. Wratten.

JOHN WRATTEN sworn and examined.

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- 15,190. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
 15,191. Did you receive 3*l.* from John Ralph for your vote?—No.
 15,192. Did you receive anything?—Yes.
 15,193. What?—3*s.*; not for my vote.
 15,194. Who was the 3*s.* from?—Mr. Ralph.
 15,195. What was it for?—Well I do not know what it was for.
 15,196. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You can guess I daresay?—Yes, I can guess.
 15,197. (*Mr. Holl.*) It was to vote?—No.
 15,198. Well for having voted?—I do not know. He asked me to have it, and I took it.
 15,199. Was it for anything else except your vote?—No, he asked me to take it.
 15,200. When did you get it, after or before you voted?—Before I voted.

- 15,201. Can you suggest anything else that it was for except your vote?—No.
 15,202. (*Mr. Jeune.*) It was 2*l.*, was it not?—No, 3*s.*
 15,203. Mr. Ralph said it was 2*l.* You are the same man, I suppose. There is only one Wratten is there?—No, there are a good many Wrattens.
 15,204. Do you live at 7, West Street?—Yes.
 15,205. (*Mr. Holl.*) Was that 3*s.* all you received?—No, I received 5*l.* of Mr. Edwin Hill, the brewer.
 15,206. What was that for?—That was for my vote.
 15,207. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where does Mr. Hill live?—In Prospect Place, I think. The brewery is in the High Street.
 15,208. (*Mr. Holl.*) Is that all you received?—That is all.

S. Archer.

STEPHEN ARCHER sworn and examined.

- 15,209. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A coachman.
 15,210. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 15,211. Who from?—John Ralph, the blacksmith.

- 15,212. For your vote?—I suppose so.
 15,213. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else, not a farthing.

W. Curling.

WILLIAM CURLING sworn and examined.

- 15,214. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,215. Where do you live?—Mill Road.
 15,216. What did you receive?—3*l.*

- 15,217. From Mr. Myhill?—Yes.
 15,218. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 15,219. Anything else?—No.

H. Chawner.

HENRY CHAWNER sworn and examined.

- 15,220. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A carrier.
 15,221. Where do you live?—Middle Street.
 15,222. What did you receive?—3*l.*

- 15,223. Who from?—Mr. Wilds, at the "North Star." That was after the election; after the poll was closed.
 15,224. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 15,225. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing.

A. H. Johnson.

ANDREW H. JOHNSON sworn and examined.

- 15,226. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 15,227. What is your occupation?—A smith.
 15,228. What did you get?—I got 3*l.*

- 15,229. From whom?—Mr. Watts.
 15,230. Is that all you got?—Yes.
 15,231. That was for your vote, I suppose?—It was after I voted—I suppose it was a present after I voted.

G. Bailey.

GEORGE BAILEY sworn and examined.

- 15,232. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where you live?—Wellington Road.
 15,233. What is your occupation?—A coachman.
 15,234. What did you get?—3*l.* from Mr. Watts.

- 15,235. Did you get anything else from anybody?—No.
 15,236. That was for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.

G. Rogers.

GEORGE ROGERS sworn and examined.

- 15,237. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is your occupation?—A farm labourer.
 15,238. Where do you live?—18, Nelson Street.
 15,239. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

- 15,240. Who from?—John Ralph.
 15,241. That was, I suppose, for your vote?—I should not have had it if it was not for that, I suppose.
 15,242. That is all you got?—That is all I got.

T. Williams.

THOMAS WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

- 15,243. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—2, Pilot's Court.
 15,244. What is your occupation?—A smith.

- 15,245. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. Ralph for your vote at the election?—Yes.
 15,246. Did you receive anything else?—No.

W. Marshall.

WILLIAM MARSHALL sworn and examined.

- 15,247. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—21, Duke Street.
 15,248. What is your occupation?—A fly-driver.

- 15,249. Did you get 3*l.* for your vote at the election from Mr. Ralph?—Yes.
 15,250. Did you get anything else?—No.

J. Dixon.

JOSEPH DIXON sworn and examined.

- 15,251. What are you?—A butcher.
 15,252. Where do you live?—9, Custom House Lane.

- 15,253. Did you get 3*l.* at the election for your vote from Mr. Porter?—Yes.
 15,254. Anything else?—No.

R. D. Smith.

ROBERT DAWES SMITH sworn and examined.

- 15,255. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—10, West Street.
 15,256. What are you?—A clerk.
 15,257. What did you get at the election?—6*l.*
 15,258. From whom?—3*l.* from J. J. Ralph, and 3*l.* from Watts.

- 15,259. Both those sums were for your vote, I suppose?—I do not know. I had them after the election.
 15,260. You think they were, do you not?—Probably.
 15,261. You will let me think so at any rate. You will not quarrel with me if I think so?—No.
 15,262. Did you get anything else?—No.

WILLIAM HENRY FINNIS sworn and examined.

W. H. Finnis.

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- 15,263. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—168, Middle Street.
 15,264. What is your occupation?—A fly-driver.
 15,265. Did you get 3*l.* at the election?—Yes.

- 15,266. Who from?—John Ralph.
 15,267. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I expect so.
 15,268. Is that all you got?—Yes.

WILLIAM GUNNER recalled and further examined.

W. Gunter.

- 15,269. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—123, High Street.
 15,270. Have you been examined before?—Yes.
 15,271. You got money from more than one person, did you not?—I do not know.
 15,272. The last time you were here, I think you told us so?—Told you what?
 15,273. That you got money from more than one person?—Yes.
 15,274. How many?—Two, I think.
 15,275. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who did you get it from?—I do not know.
 15,276. You must know. Who did you get the money from?—I do not, know, I tell you. You have asked me twice. I tell you I do not know.
 15,277. We shall be obliged to get you to come here again, if you cannot tell us?—Then you can make me come here again, if you like.
 15,278. Answer the question. Did you get any money from J. J. Ralph?—It may be, but I do not know.
 15,279. How is it you do not know?—Because I did not see the man that put it there.
 15,280. Where was it put?—On the table.
 15,281. In your house?—No, not in my house. I do not do so.
 15,282. Where was it put?—On the table.
 15,283. Where?—In West Street.
 15,284. But what house?—I think it is the “Locomotive” Inn.

- 15,285. And you took it?—Certainly I did. If you were to give me any more now, I would take it.
 15,286. Do not talk nonsense, but answer the questions. We shall make you come to-morrow morning, if you do not answer the questions?—Then you can make me.
 15,287. Then you come here to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock?—What for?
 15,288. Because you are either not sober, or you will not answer properly?—I shall not come to-morrow morning.
 15,289. But you must. If you answer properly we will take your evidence now. Did not I answer you properly?
 15,290. No. Answer the questions now. Tell me where that money was left, as well as you can?—On the table.
 15,291. Where?—At the “Locomotive” Inn.
 15,292. Do you mean you do not know who left it there?—I do not.
 15,293. Do you think it was left by J. J. Ralph?—Very likely. I cannot say.
 15,294. How much was it?—3*l.*
 15,295. Did you receive anything more?—No.
 15,296. You took the 3*l.*?—Yes.
 15,297. Was there anything else that that 3*l.* could be given to you for, except your vote?—Not as I know of.

CHARLES SMITH sworn and examined.

C. Smith.

- 15,298. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 15,299. What is your occupation?—A publican.
 15,300. What is the name of your house?—The “Lord Warden.”
 15,301. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
 15,302. From whom?—Mr. Myhill.
 15,303. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 15,304. Did you get anything else?—5*l.* from Mr. Olds.
 15,305. Did he have a room at your house?—Yes.
 15,306. Did anybody ever come to it?—Yes.
 15,307. How often did they come; once?—Yes.
 15,308. How many people came?—About a dozen gentlemen.
 15,309. What did they do when they got there?—Make a speech.

- 15,310. They had a little meeting?—Yes.
 15,311. One evening?—One afternoon.
 15,312. Was there any treating at your house?—Those gentlemen did not treat. I gave refreshments.
 15,313. You gave these 12 gentlemen refreshments?—They did not have anything.
 15,314. But there was treating?—Yes, to voters.
 15,315. You gave away some refreshments to voters?—Yes.
 15,316. Did anybody pay you for that?—No.
 15,317. Did you ask anybody to pay for it?—No, it was at my own expense.
 15,318. You did it out of zeal for the cause?—Yes.
 15,319. How many people do you think you refreshed?—About 60.
 15,320. That is all the money you got?—Yes.

GEORGE HILLS MACKINS sworn and examined.

G. H. Mackins.

- 15,321. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where you live?—36, Wellington Road.
 15,322. What is your occupation?—A gardener.
 15,323. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* from Mr. Rea.

- 15,324. Did you get anything from anybody else?—Not a farthing, or a farthings worth from anybody.
 15,325. And that 3*l.* was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

GEORGE HOOK sworn and examined.

G. Hook.

- 15,326. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You live at No. 2, Jew's Harp Alley?—Yes.
 15,327. You are a fly-driver, I think?—Yes.
 15,328. What did you get?—3*l.*
 15,329. Who from?—John Ralph.

- 15,330. Did you get anything from anybody else?—No.
 15,331. That 3*l.* was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

JOHN BOAKES MILES sworn and examined.

J. B. Miles.

- 15,332. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—2, Albion Place.
 15,333. What is your occupation?—A gas fitter.
 15,334. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

- 15,335. Who from?—Henry Spears.
 15,336. Did you get anything from anybody else?—No.
 15,337. That 3*l.* was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

W. Bowles.

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15,338. (*Mr. Holl.*) You have been examined before?
—Yes, last Wednesday.
15,339. And you have been summoned for to-day?—
Yes.

15,340. Who did you get your money from?—3*l.* from Redman, before the election, and 3*l.* after I had voted from Mr. Rea.

J. Maxted.

JOSEPH MAXTED sworn and examined.

15,341. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You live at 13, Beach Street?—
Yes.
15,342. What is your occupation?—A lodging-house
keeper.

15,343. Did you get 3*l.* at the election for your vote from Mr. Rea?—Yes; from George Porter and Mr. Rea together.

15,344. Is that all you got?—That is all.

F.R. Harrison.

FRANCIS R. HARRISON sworn and examined.

15,345. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—83, Beach Street.
15,346. What is your occupation?—A tobacco-pipe maker.
15,347. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
15,348. Who from?—Mr. Rea.

15,349. Is that all you got?—Yes, that is all. I got a promise two or three times from Mr. Outwin for the same amount, but, I suppose, he struck me off. Two or three different times he promised me; he canvassed me first.

15,350. He has never paid you the money?—No, never paid me a farthing.

A. A. Cavell.

ALBERT ALPHONSO CAVELL sworn and examined.

15,351. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You live at 26, Nelson Street?—
Yes.
15,352. What is your occupation?—A carpenter.
15,353. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
15,354. Who from?—Mr. Erridge.
15,355. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
15,356. Did you get anything else?—Yes.
15,357. How much?—2*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Crompton Roberts' committee, for making 25 boards.

15,358. You made them, did you?—Yes, and delivered them in at the "Royal Hotel."

15,359. Was that a fair charge for them?—I should have charged a little more, but they sent me word it was to be 2*s.* a board. I had to keep my men three hours over time, and the consequence was that it cost me double for wages.

15,360. All things considered, was it a fair charge?—Hardly enough.

15,361. Election time counted for something?—Yes.

H. D. Axon.

HENRY DAVID AXON sworn and examined.

15,362. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When were you summoned for?—The 15th, I believe it was, but I only arrived home from sea last night.
15,363. Where do you live?—1, Prospect Place.
15,364. What is your occupation?—A mariner.
15,365. What did you get at the election?—I received 29*l.* 2*s.*
15,366. Who from?—Mr. Rose.
15,367. Mr. E. T. Rose, was it?—Yes.
15,368. What for?—Loss of time, and detention of me and my lugger and boat's crew.
15,369. Did Mr. Rose ask you to come to vote?—No.
15,370. How did you know you were to come?—There was a letter down at the West of England, I happened to be at that place and saw it, specifying that there was an election, and we were to be home for it.
15,371. What was your share of the 29*l.* 2*s.*?—2*l.* 10*s.*
15,372. What did it cost you to come here?—9*l.* odd, travelling expenses alone.
15,373. Not for yourself, the whole lot of you, I suppose?—No, three of us.
15,374. You mean it cost you 9*l.* to come here and get back again?—Yes.
15,375. 9*l.* was spent in travelling?—Yes, travelling expenses alone.
15,376. Where did you come from?—Portsmouth.
15,377. How much do you say you three received?—There was 20*l.* left; that was divided into eight parts.
15,378. And you went share and share in the eight parts?—Yes.
15,379. You got one share, and the other seven would each get so much?—Yes.
15,380. Who got the rest?—The other people that was with us.
15,381. Did they come with you?—No; they receive the same part whatever we get.

15,382. What are the names of the two men who came with you?—Beecham and Coleman.

15,383. U. Beecham and George Coleman?—Yes.

15,384. Is Coleman here?—I do not think he is.

15,385. Did you have anything else?—Nothing else; that was for five days' detention.

15,386. Was any sum mentioned to you when you were told to come and vote?—Not in the least.

15,387. You were not told what you would get?—No.

15,388. Did you see the letter?—Yes.

15,389. What did it say?—It simply specified that there was to be an election, and whether we should be home about the time it was coming off.

15,390. Did it tell you you should have any particular sum or have your expenses?—No, nothing about that.

15,391. Who fixed the sum you got; how was it fixed?—I do not know how it was fixed, I am sure.

15,392. You got it from Mr. Rose?—Yes.

15,393. Did you go and ask him for any particular sum?—No.

15,394. You went to him, I suppose, and what did he say?—or did one of your men go to get the money?—No.

15,395. Who actually got the money from Rose?—Mr. Beecham.

15,396. Did you know what sum Beecham was going to get?—No.

15,397. Did not he know?—I do not know whether he did or not.

15,398. You did not see Mr. Rose yourself?—No, I did not see him.

15,399. Did he come back and say Mr. Rose had given him so much?—Yes.

15,400. And then you divided it?—Yes.

15,401. And you do not know why that particular sum of 29*l.* 2*s.* was fixed upon?—No, without it was for loss of time; that is all I can account for.

C. Offen.

CYRUS OFFEN sworn and examined.

15,402. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you live at 39, Wellington Road?—Yes.
15,403. What is your occupation?—A carriage inspector.
15,404. What did you get at the election?—6*l.*
15,405. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr.

Ralph 3*l.* for my vote, and after the election 3*l.* from Mr. Watts.

15,406. Was that for your vote too?—Yes; he had got the money, and I went for it.

15,407. Is that all you got?—That is all.

EDWARD THOMAS HAMBROOK sworn and examined.

- 15,408. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You live in Middle Deal, do you not?—Yes.
 15,409. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 15,410. What did you get at the election?—6*l*.
 15,411. From whom?—3*l*. from Mr. Ralph for my vote, and 3*l*. from Mr. Watts.
 15,412. Is that all you got?—Yes.

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ISAAC CLOKE sworn and examined.

- 15,413. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A permanent-way inspector.
 15,414. Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 15,415. What did you receive?—I received 6*l*.
 15,416. Who from?—3*l*. from Mr. Ralph for my vote, and 3*l*. from Mr. Watts after the election.
 15,417. (*Mr. Jeune.*) The first 3*l*. was for your vote?
 —I promised my vote that side, and I got 3*l*. for voting.
 15,418. And then you took 3*l*. from the other side?—I did not promise that side. I understood the money was waiting for me, so I went across and picked the money up.
 15,419. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive anything more?—Not a farthing.

J. Cloke.

JOHN BASSETT sworn and examined.

- 15,420. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—I am an independent man.
 15,421. Where do you live?—20, Wellington Road.
 15,422. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 15,423. Who from?—Mr. Henry Spears of the "Antwerp."
 15,424. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 15,425. Did you receive anything more?—No.

J. Bassett.

ISAAC MOORE sworn and examined.

- 15,426. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A blacksmith.
 15,427. Where do you live?—28, Victoria Road.
 15,428. How much did you receive?—6*l*.
 15,429. You had 3*l*. from Mr. Ralph for your vote?—Yes.
 15,430. Who did you receive the other from?—3*l*. from Mr. Watts.
 15,431. Was that for your vote?—It was after I voted. He did not say what it was for.
 15,432. Did you receive anything more?—No.

J. Moore.

THOMAS LANGLEY sworn and examined.

- 15,433. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—An upholsterer.
 15,434. Where do you live?—12, Nelson Street.
 15,435. Who did you receive money from?—Mr. Erridge.
 15,436. How much?—3*l*.
 15,437. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 15,438. Did you receive anything more?—No.

T. Langley.

RICHARD REDMAN sworn and examined.

- 15,439. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—141, High Street.
 15,440. What is your occupation?—A tailor.
 15,441. What did you get at the election?—Nothing.
 15,442. But you gave somebody something?—Yes. Mr. Outwin gave me 3*l*. to give to Mr. Robinson of the "Queen's Arms."
 15,443. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is his Christian name?—Richard Robinson.
 15,444. He got 3*l*. from you?—Yes, and I want to clear myself as to what I gave him.
 15,445. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you distribute any other money?—No.
 15,446. Or give away any other money?—No.
 15,447. Or promise any other money?—No.

R. Redman.

ROBERT LONG BAYLEY sworn and examined.

- 15,448. (*Mr. Holl.*) Are you a mariner?—Yes.
 15,449. You received 3*l*. 10*s*. from Marsh and Lambert?—Yes, that is all I received.
 15,450. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—129, Beach Street.
 15,451. (*Mr. Holl.*) That was for your vote?—Yes.
 15,452. Is that all you have received?—Yes.

R. L. Bayley.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

Tuesday, 19th October 1880.

JACOB GEORGE MATTHEWS sworn and examined.

- 15,452a. (*Mr. Holl.*) Have you a son, John Matthews?—Yes.
 15,453. Where is he?—I do not know; he went away last week in search of work; he has been at Folkestone, and has been at Ashford, but he is out of employment at present. He left my house last week to search for work, and I have not heard from him since he went away.
 15,454. Did not he tell you where he was going to?—No; he went in search of work from one place to another.
 15,455. Have you heard from him since he went?—No.
 15,456. Do you really mean to say you do not know where he is at all?—No, I do not indeed, but I know what he had from the parties; the same as myself.
 15,457. What was that?—3*l*. Mr. Hughes left it.
 15,458. You had your money from Mr. Hughes?—Yes, both of us, 3*l*. each.
 15,459. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.
 15,460. Did you have anything more?—No.
 15,461. As far as you know, did your son have anything more from anyone?—No, he had the same as myself.

J. G. Matthews.
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J. Lee.

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15,462. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—An ironmonger.
 15,463. Where do you live?—Delph Street, Sandwich.
 15,464. What did you receive?—Upon the morning of the election, Mr. Lock came into my shop, and he gave my brother a paper parcel, which contained 9*l.*; my brother came to me and told me what it contained, and asked what I thought had better be done. My elder brother in the meantime came in and we showed it to him, and we said we did not wish to have anything to do with it, and he said he should like to have it, as it would do him a great deal of good, and we gave it to him.

JOSEPH LEE sworn and examined.

15,465. You did not have anything?—No, nothing at all whatever.
 15,466. You gave it to your elder brother?—My other brother gave it to him.
 15,467. With your consent?—Yes.
 15,468. You knew that your elder brother had a vote; the one to whom you gave the money?—Yes.
 15,469. You knew that this money was left for your votes?—Yes, we supposed it was left for our votes.
 15,470. You received nothing more?—No, nothing at all whatever.
 15,471. Nothing beyond this 9*l.* was left at your house?—No.

J. Griggs.

JOHN GRIGGS sworn and examined.

15,472. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,473. Where do you live?—Millwall Place.
 15,474. What did you receive?—3*l.*

15,475. From whom?—Mr. Henry East.
 14,776. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 15,477. Did you receive anything more?—No.

J. Baldwin.

JOHN BALDWIN sworn and examined.

15,478. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,479. Did you receive any money from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes; 3*l.*

15,480. Is that all you received?—Yes.
 15,481. Where do you live?—Cattle Market, Sandwich.

J. Beervill.

JOHN BEERVILL sworn and examined.

15,482. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,483. Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.

15,484. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes.
 15,485. Did you receive anything more?—No.

W. Knowler.

WILLIAM KNOWLER sworn and examined.

15,486. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,487. Where do you live?—George Street, Sandwich, St. Clement's Parish.

15,488. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes.
 15,489. Was that all that you received?—Yes, that was all.

W. Spain.

WILLIAM SPAIN sworn and examined.

15,490. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,491. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.

15,492. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes.
 15,493. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

W. East.

WILLIAM EAST sworn and examined.

15,494. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A fisherman.
 15,495. Where do you live?—King Street, Sandwich.

15,496. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes.
 15,497. Did you receive anything more?—No.

G. Goodban.

GEORGE GOODBAN sworn and examined.

15,498. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer—a working man rather.
 15,499. Where do you live?—In Sandwich, Peter Street.
 15,500. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes.
 15,501. Anything more?—Yes.
 15,502. From whom?—Mr. Nowers.
 15,503. How much did you receive from him?—5*l.*

15,504. Was that for your vote?—He did not ask me.
 15,505. Was it for anything else?—Nothing else that I am aware of.
 15,506. Were you one of the men working at the Oil Mills?—No.
 15,507. What is Mr. Nowers' Christian name?—Joseph.
 15,508. Did you receive anything more?—No.

H. E. East.

HENRY ELLIS EAST sworn and examined.

15,509. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 15,510. Where do you live?—King Street, Sandwich.
 15,511. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes.
 15,512. Is that all that you received?—I received two guineas from Mr. Slaughter as personation agent.
 15,513. How long did you act as personation agent?—All the day of the election—the polling day.
 15,514. You did nothing else except act as personation agent upon that day?—No.
 15,515. And you got two guineas for that?—Yes.

15,516. I suppose that was something for acting as personation agent and something to vote, was it not?—I did not ask for it.
 15,517. Did you receive anything more?—No.
 15,518. (*Mr. Jeuna.*) Did anybody suggest to you that as you were personation agent you ought not to vote?—No.
 15,519. Did you know that a person employed as personation agent had no right to vote?—I was not aware of it.
 15,520. No one told you?—No.

H. French.

HERBERT FRENCH sworn and examined.

15,521. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A shipwright.
 15,522. Where do you live?—In Fisher Street, Sandwich.
 15,523. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes.
 15,524. Anything else?—My son received 30*s.* from Mr. Slaughter as a messenger.
 15,525. What did he do?—Ran about with notes for all I know.

15,526. How old is your son?—Nine years.
 15,527. How much is that a day?—I think he was on about ten days.
 15,528. That is 3*s.* 6*d.* a day for a child nine years old—he never earned that before, did he, or since, has he?—No.
 15,529. You knew it was given to him as an inducement for your vote?—Well, I suppose it was, but I was not asked about that.

THOMAS UDEN sworn and examined.

15,530. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
15,531. Where do you live?—High Street, Sandwich.

15,532. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes.
15,533. Anything more?—No.

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WILLIAM PITTOCK sworn and examined.

15,534. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A painter.
15,535. Where do you live?—Fisher Street, Sandwich.
15,536. Did you receive any money from Mr. Lock for your vote?—No.
15,537. Did you receive anything from anyone?—Yes, I received 3*l.*
15,538. From whom?—Mr. Rigden, High Street, Sandwich.

15,539. Is there another Mr. Pittock?—Not in Fisher Street.
15,540. What is Rigden's Christian name?—A. W. Rigden, High Street, Sandwich.
15,541. What is he?—A painter.
15,542. That was for your vote?—Yes.
15,543. Was that to vote for the Conservatives or Liberals?—Conservatives.
15,544. Did you receive anything more?—No.

W. Pittock.

RICHARD PITTOCK sworn and examined.

15,545. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mariner.
15,546. Where do you live?—Harnet Street, Sandwich.
15,547. Did you receive any money?—Yes.
15,548. How much?—3*l.*

15,549. From whom?—Mr. George Lock.
15,550. Did you receive anything more?—No, nothing more.
15,551. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

R. Pittock.

HENRY TRAPPS sworn and examined.

15,552. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—I am a bathing-machine proprietor.
15,553. Where do you live?—14, Beach Street, Deal.
15,554. What money did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Bea.

15,555. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
15,556. Did you receive anything more?—Just now and then I lent assistance in putting up flagstaffs.
15,557. Did you receive any more money for your vote?—No.

H. Trapps.

THOMAS LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

15,558. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
15,559. Where do you live?—Moat Sole, Sandwich.

15,560. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—Yes.
15,561. Is that all?—Yes.

T. Lawrence.

CHARLES LEE sworn and examined.

15,562. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A tinman.
15,563. Where do you live?—St. Peter Street, Sandwich.
15,564. Was it your brother who was here this morning?—Yes, and the other one was here yesterday.
15,565. We understand that you received 9*l.*?—Yes.

15,566. That was for your vote?—They gave it to me; they did not tell me what it was for.
15,567. You knew it was for your vote?—I suppose so.
15,568. And you voted?—Yes.
15,569. Did you receive anything more?—No.

C. Lee.

WILLIAM ROGERS sworn and examined.

15,570. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
15,571. Where do you live?—Moat Sole, Sandwich.
15,572. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—No.
15,573. Have you received anything?—No, not from anyone. I think there must be some little mistake. I think I have been summoned in the wrong name; there

was another Rogers in Moat Sole, but he is dead, and I almost fancy I have been summoned under a mistake.
15,574. Was his name William?—No, his name was John, but he was entered as William.
15,575. You did not receive anything?—No.
15,576. (*Mr. Turner.*) In no way?—No.
15,577. On no account?—No, upon no account.

W. Rogers.

WILLIAM REVEL sworn and examined.

15,578. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
15,579. Where do you live?—The Butts, Sandwich.

15,580. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—Yes.
15,581. Did you receive anything else?—No.

W. Revel.

HENRY REVEL sworn and examined.

15,582. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
15,583. Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.
15,584. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,585. Did you receive anything else?—15*s.* one night for watching all night.
15,586. From whom did you receive that?—From Mr. Benjamin Coleman.

H. Revel.

JOHN PITTOCK sworn and examined.

15,587. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A butcher.
15,588. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.
15,589. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—Yes.
15,590. Anything more?—Yes.
15,591. How much?—4*l.* 10*s.*
15,592. From whom?—Mr. Baker.
15,593. What was that for?—I do not know. I met him in the market, and he said, "You are a needy man,

"would a pound or two do you any good?" and I said, "Yes;" and he went and got it for me.
15,594. What is his Christian name?—Henry Baker.
15,595. What is he?—I think he is a traveller.
15,596. Where does he live?—At Dover; he is a traveller for Mr. Dickinson.
15,597. Do you know where Mr. Dickinson lives?—No, I do not, but I believe he is a wholesale grocer at Dover.
15,598. Did you receive anything more?—No, I did not.

J. Pittock.

C. Long.

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CHARLES LONG sworn and examined.

- 15,599. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,600. Where do you live?—The Butts, Sandwich.
 15,601. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,602. Did you receive anything more?—5*l.* from Mr. Parker.
 15,603. What is Mr. Parker's Christian name?—Benjamin.
 15,604. Where does he live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.
 15,605. What is he?—A publican.
 15,606. What house does he keep?—The "Red Lion."
 15,607. Is that all you received?—Yes.
 15,608. Did you receive any money from Nowers?—No.
 15,609. Did you receive any money at all from William Nowers?—No.
 15,610. Is there any other Charles Long living at the Butts?—No.
 15,611. Mr. Nowers says he gave you 5*l.*?—It must have come through Mr. Parker's hands, because I never received any money from anyone else.
 15,612. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Which side was the 5*l.* given to you for your vote?—The blues, I should think, but they did not tell me.
 15,613. Do you work at the oil mills?—No.
 15,614. Does Parker work at the oil mills?—Yes.
 15,615. It was to vote for the blues that you got the 5*l.*?—Yes.
 15,616. (*Mr. Holl.*) You say you got 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 14,617. And 5*l.* from Parker?—Yes.
 15,618. Is that all that you got?—Yes.

H. Kemp.

HENRY KEMP sworn and examined.

- 15,619. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,620. Where do you live?—The Butchery, Sandwich.
 15,621. From whom did you get money?—Mr. Lock.
 15,622. How much?—3*l.*
 15,623. Did you get any money from anyone else?—No.

J. Bishop.

JOHN BISHOP sworn and examined.

- 15,624. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Church Street.
 15,625. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,626. Did you get anything else?—No.

J. Reynolds.

JOHN REYNOLDS sworn and examined.

- 15,627. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,628. Where do you live?—Guildcount Lane.
 15,629. Did you get 3*l.* for your vote from Mr. Lock?—Yes.
 15,630. Anything more?—No.

J. Reynolds.

JAMES REYNOLDS sworn and examined.

- 15,631. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,632. Where do you live?—Guildcount Lane, Sandwich.
 15,633. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,634. Did you get anything more?—No.

H. Harvey.

HEZEKIAH HARVEY sworn and examined.

- 15,635. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A sawyer.
 15,636. Where do you live?—Upon the Butts, Sandwich.
 15,637. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,638. Did you get anything more?—No.

J. Harvey.

JAMES HARVEY sworn and examined.

- 15,639. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A sawyer.
 15,640. Where do you live?—The Chain, Sandwich.
 15,641. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,642. Did you get anything more?—No.

W. Epps.

WILLIAM EPPS sworn and examined.

- 15,643. What are you?—A porter.
 15,644. Where do you live?—High Street, Sandwich.
 15,645. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
 15,646. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 15,647. From whom?—Mr. Hughes.
 15,648. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 15,649. Did you receive anything more?—No.

W. E. Epps.

WILLIAM EDWARD EPPS sworn and examined.

- 15,650. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—The Butchery, Sandwich.
 15,651. Are you a freeman?—Yes.
 15,652. What did you receive?—Do you mean of Mr. Lock?
 15,653. Of anyone?—Of Mr. Lock; 3*l.* for myself and 3*l.* for my father, who was ill at the time.
 15,654. What was his Christian name?—Thomas Epps.
 15,655. Did you keep 3*l.* for yourself?—Yes.
 15,656. That was for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.
 15,657. Did you give 3*l.* to your father?—No, he was ill at the time, and I did not give it to him, but I told him I had received it, and he wished me to keep it to buy him necessaries with in his illness.
 15,658. Was he at that time in the hospital?—Yes.
 15,659. You were to spend the money for the benefit of your father?—Yes.
 15,660. He told you to do that?—Yes.
 15,661. Did you get any more money?—Yes; I got 5*l.* from someone, but I am not certain of the name; he was nearly a stranger; I think it was Baker, but I would not be quite certain.
 15,662. Did not you see the person who gave it to you?—Yes, but I did not know who he was; I thought he was a Baker.
 15,663. You mean you thought his name was Baker?—Yes, I thought so, but I would not be quite positive.
 15,664. Is that Mr. Henry Baker, who is a traveller of Messrs. Dickinson, of Dover?—I could not say who he was, to be certain.
 15,665. You think so?—Yes, I think so, but I am not quite certain.
 15,666. Does anybody else occur to you from whom you could have got it but Mr. Baker?—No one else.
 15,667. So far as you know you got that 5*l.* from Mr. Baker, who is a traveller for Messrs. Dickinson?—Yes.
 15,668. You know Baker well enough, do not you?—No, but I thought he was a Baker.

15,669. Why should you think he was a baker if you did not know him?—He used to live in Sandwich, and, of course, young people grow up.

15,670. You think it is the same man?—Yes.

15,671. Have you any real doubt about it?—No, I fancy it is him, but I would not like to be quite positive.

15,672. Did you receive anything more from anyone?—No.

15,673. Nobody at all?—No, no one else named it to me.

15,674. You were called at the trial of the election petition?—Yes.

15,675. And you were asked distinctly whether you received any money from anyone at all?—No, I was not asked that question.

15,676. Pardon me. I will read you the questions you were asked: "Did you get any money from a Mr. Hooper," and you say, "No;" and then you are asked, "Or from Mr. George Lock," and you say, "No;" then that was not true?—I was not asked that question.

15,677. Yes you were indeed, because I have got the shorthand writer's note of it. Then you are asked by the judge, "Did you get any money from either of those persons," and you say, "No, not at all, I had nothing to do with it whatever." You must have known that "that was untrue, and it is no use making it worse now. You knew perfectly well that you were then being asked whether you had received any money in connexion with the election. Then the next question is, "Did you get any money at all from anybody," and you say, "No, none whatever?"—I was asked if I took any money to my father and whether I took any money to Mr. Bishop.

15,678. You were asked the very questions that I have read to you and those are your answers, and now you say it was not true, but you did receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock and 5*l.* from Mr. Baker?—Yes.

15,679. And both of those sums were to vote at the election?—I suppose so.

15,680. And you received 3*l.* for your father?—Yes.

15,681. And you say also you did not actually give it to him; you told him of it, and he told you to lay it out in private necessities for him?—Yes, he did.

15,682. Who suggested to you at the trial to keep this back and tell a falsehood about it?—Mr. Lock.

15,683. You say Mr. Lock told you?—Yes.

15,684. Is that Mr. George Lock?—Yes.

15,685. Did you speak to anybody else about it at all?—No, I do not remember that I did.

15,686. Are you sure of that?—Yes, quite positive.

15,687. Is there anybody else that saw you as to your being called as a witness?—No, I think not.

15,688. Just try and see whether you cannot remember that there was somebody else who spoke to you about the money and your being called as a witness?—I do not remember anyone else.

15,689. Was your evidence taken at all by anyone?—No.

15,690. Did any solicitor or solicitor's clerk come to enquire of you?—No, not to my knowledge.

15,691. You must know?—No, no one came to me to ask me whether I received anything.

15,692. Are you sure that no solicitor or solicitor's clerk came to you to ask you whether you received anything, and what testimony you could give?—No, none.

15,693. Did you speak to anybody at all except Mr. George Lock in respect to this matter?—I hardly understand you.

15,694. Do you mean to tell us that you did not either see or speak to anyone at all, except Mr. George Lock, with respect to this matter of your having received money for your vote?—No, I do not think I did. I do not remember anything more.

15,695. You must remember?—If I did I would tell you.

15,696. You do not come forward at a trial to state that which is not true often. You must remember how it happened that you came forward in this way to swear falsely at the trial of the election petition?—Mr. Lock asked me not to name it.

15,697. Did anybody else speak to you about it at all?—I do not think they did. I do not remember that they did.

15,698. It is hardly possible that you should forget it if it happened. Cannot you remember whether anybody else spoke to you upon this subject at all?—I cannot remember that any one else said anything to me about it.

15,699. You must remember it; it is not a thing that you could forget, and it is a serious thing being asked to come forward at the trial to deny taking money when you knew that you had been taking it from two parties for yourself, and that you were taking 3*l.* for your father. You really must remember whether you had any conversation with anybody else about it?—I am not certain, but I fancy now I come to call it over in my mind that Mr. Hooper spoke to me about it.

15,700. What is his Christian name?—George Hooper.

15,701. Do you remember what he said to you?—I would not be quite positive; it is sometime back.

15,702. What do you think he said?—I do not know. I really cannot say what he did say, but I remember that I spoke to him about it. I really cannot remember the words.

15,703. Did he suggest to you to conceal the fact of your having received any money?—I would not say, and I would not like to say, if I were not quite certain.

15,704. Cannot you be quite certain?—No.

15,705. Do you mean that you cannot remember what he said? I do not mean the precise words, but the substance of what he asked you to do?—I do not think he asked me to do anything—it was merely talking about the election affairs. I do not think he asked me to do anything.

15,706. I am speaking of the time when you knew you were likely to be, or had been, subpoenaed to give evidence at the trial of the election petition, and I ask you whether at that time you had any conversation with Mr. Hooper about it?—I think I had a little conversation with him about it.

15,707. Just tell us, as near as you can recollect, what the substance of the conversation was?—It was upon the election, but really I cannot say what.

15,708. Was it not upon your being subpoenaed as a witness?—No, I think not.

15,709. Did you not tell him that you had been subpoenaed as a witness?—I think he asked me if I had got a subpoena, and I told him yes.

15,710. What did he say then?—I do not know whether he made any remark about it.

15,711. Try and recollect?—I do not remember it honestly.

15,712. You must remember whether he said anything to you as to whether you had better come forward and tell the truth, or whether he asked you not to disclose what had happened?—I do not remember it. I cannot say anything more about it. I really do not remember the words he said—there was so much talk about it at the time.

15,713. What I want you to tell us is this,—did he or not suggest to you to keep back the fact and to deny that you had received any money for your vote when you were called as a witness?—No, he did not name that to me.

15,714. Are you positive of that?—Yes, quite positive.

15,715. What did he say when you told him that you were subpoenaed as a witness? He seems to have taken an interest in it, and asked you whether you had received a subpoena, and when you said that you had received a subpoena, what did you say?—He was talking about the people in the hospital then.

15,716. About your father?—Yes.

15,717. He knew that your father had 3*l.*?—Yes, he did.

15,718. Did he say anything about that?—No, he did not.

15,719. Was there anyone else that you spoke to about this subpoena?—Not that I know of; I cannot recollect anyone.

15,720. Just try and think?—I do not know of anyone—it was only talking about election affairs.

15,721. I am not talking about election affairs, but of the fact of your being subpoenaed as a witness. You knew what you were subpoenaed for?—No one. I said nothing about that to my knowledge.

15,722. Do you know how you came to be subpoenaed?—No, I do not know how I came to be subpoenaed, without it was for taking my father the money.

15,723. Do you know how it was you came to be subpoenaed?—Only because I took my father the money.

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W. E. Epps. 15,724. Do you know how they came to know that?—
 No, I do not.
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 15,726. Are you quite certain?—Yes, quite certain.

15,727. You are quite certain you do not remember speaking to anyone else except what you have told us?—No, no one else.
 15,728. That is all the money you received?—Yes.

T. Epps.

THOMAS EPPS sworn and examined.

15,729. (Mr. Holl.) Are you a freeman?—Yes.
 15,730. Did you receive any money?—My son came and told me that he had received 3*l.* for me, but I was ill at the time, and I told him to keep it to buy me necessaries with, as I could not get them, and he laid out 2*l.* for me and brought the bill and showed me that he had paid the money; so I have received 2*l.* out of the 3*l.*
 15,731. At the time of the trial of the election petition you were subpoenaed?—Yes, I was.
 15,732. And you were examined?—Yes.
 15,733. Did anyone promise to give you any money?—No, no one came near me.
 15,734. When was it that your son told you he had got this 3*l.*?—A day or two before the nomination day, I think; but I will not be positive, because I was ill at the time.
 15,735. Was it before the polling day?—Yes, before the polling day.
 15,736. You were asked at the trial whether your son, William Edward Epps, called upon you on the polling day and you said he never came near you till after?—He did not come till after the polling; the carriage came and fetched me to vote. I think I saw him at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and then I had voted.
 15,737. You knew that he had received the money for you before you voted?—Yes, he had received it.
 15,738. You say, "I never saw him, and my son " never asked me which way I was going to vote; I " told him I was not in a fit state to vote, and I therefore " made up my mind not to;" you changed your mind when he told you he had got 3*l.* for you?—I do not come here with a false tongue. I tell you the truth.

15,739. You did vote?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Roberts; the other candidate did not come near us.

15,740. I do not think you were quite telling the truth at the election petition when you said this—you were asked if you received three sovereigns upon the polling and you said, "No." No doubt that is literally true, but then you go on to say, "No, I will take my solemn oath of it, and, another thing, I voted for 60 years for the Blue party, and I never received a penny bribery in my life"?—Nor I never did.

15,741. You knew that your son had received it for you?—No, my son had nothing to do with me at the time. Ever since I have voted for 60 years I have never altered my opinion; when there are two candidates coming into the town, one Liberal and one Conservative, I give one vote to one, and another to another. I have never altered my voting.

15,742. You knew at this time that your son had received 3*l.* for you before you voted?—I knew that, but it was at my own option to vote for whom I thought proper.

15,743. I do not think that you were quite candid when you were examined at the trial of the petition?—I do not come here with a false tongue.

15,744. (Mr. Jeune.) Who is master of the hospital?—I am.

15,745. Were you made so recently?—I have been master 14 years, perhaps.

15,746. I thought somebody of your name had recently been made master?—No.

15,747. I mean a few days ago?—No, I have been master for 14 years.

G. West.

GEORGE WEST sworn and examined.

15,748. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—A general dealer.
 15,749. Where do you live?—Moat Sole, Sandwich.
 15,750. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,751. Did you receive anything more?—Not from him, but I received 2*l.* 10*s.* from Baker.

15,752. Was that for your vote?—Yes; he sent it down to me by another person, but it came from him.

15,753. From whom did you get it?—John Lawrence.

15,754. Who is he?—A market gardener. Mr. Baker sent it down to me by him.

15,755. Where does he live?—Moat Sole.

15,755*a.* Did you receive anything more?—No.

T. Pilcher.

THOMAS PILCHER sworn and examined.

15,756. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—A carpenter.
 15,757. Where do you live?—New Street, Sandwich.

15,758. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock?—Yes.

15,759. Anything more?—No.

G. Lock.

GEORGE LOCK recalled and further examined.

15,760. (Mr. Holl.) You have heard what William Edward Epps has said; that it was at your suggestion or request that at the trial of the election petition he denied having received any money from anyone?—Yes, I heard what he said, and I am ready to answer it. Mr. Epps came to me when he had the subpoena to appear at the trial to know what he should do, and I said that it laid between him and his father what to do, and that I had no conversation with his father whatever.

15,761. No, not with the father, but William Edward Epps says that it was at your request he denied the fact

of having received any money for his vote?—It is no such thing; why should I do so?

15,762. Did you do so?—No.

15,763. One can easily conceive why you should—do you mean to say that what he says in regard to your having suggested to him, or requested him to keep this receipt of money by him back, is untrue?—It is quite untrue—it was no benefit to me to advise the man to do so at all.

15,764. I do not know whether you have anything further that you wish to say about it?—No, I have nothing further to say about the matter.

G. E. Farrier.

GEORGE EDWARD FARRIER sworn and examined.

15,765. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—A marine.
 15,766. Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.

15,767. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,768. Anything more?—No.

W. Field.

WILLIAM FIELD sworn and examined.

15,769. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,770. Where do you live?—Church Street, Sandwich.

15,771. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—I did.

15,772. Did you receive anything more?—No.

JOHN DURBAN sworn and examined.

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15,773. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—I am a carrier by trade, and a beerhouse-keeper.

15,774. Where do you live?—Moat Sole.

15,775. What is your house?—The "Red Cow."

15,776. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes, I received 3*l.* off him.

15,777. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

15,778. What else did you receive?—5*l.* off Mr. Cloke for my committee room, and I kept it open for him for a fortnight.

15,779. They did not do much with it, did they?—They were there several times, and had several meetings there. I kept it open on purpose for them.

15,780. Did they have any meetings?—Yes.

15,781. How many times did they have meetings do you think?—I cannot say, but they came in several times.

15,782. Once or twice?—Three or four times, I cannot say exactly how many, but I was forced to keep it open for that purpose.

15,783. How many people came?—I was not at home all the time.

15,784. As far as you saw anybody come there, would you say there were more than one or two that came there at all?—I daresay there were a dozen in it at times.

15,785. What were they doing, having refreshments?—Looking over things, and one thing and another.

15,786. Looking over things, you say?—Yes; I do not know what they were looking over.

15,787. Did they really do anything?—Yes, they did, but I do not know what they done.

15,788. What can you say that you saw them do; they did not have any real meetings, did they?—They had several small meetings there.

15,789. What sized room is yours?—It is not a very large room.

15,790. What is the rent of your house?—The rent is not a great deal.

15,791. What is it?—18*l.* a year; that is what I have to give my brewer.

15,792. And the brewer pays for the license?—No, I have to pay for the license.

15,793. Did you receive anything more?—No, nothing else at all on either side. No one ever came to me except my brewer, and Mr. Cloke came and hired the room, and paid me for it, and Mr. Lock gave me the 3*l.* for my vote.

15,794. In consideration of their taking your room, were you to use your influence with the people who came to your house to vote for their side?—Several people came on the side I voted for.

15,795. You do not understand me. When Mr. Cloke took the room, was there any understanding that you were to use your influence?—No; I kept it entirely for their use for a fortnight.

15,796. Were you to use your influence with the people who frequented your house?—I do not understand you.

15,797. There are people who frequent your house?—Yes.

15,798. Was there any understanding with Mr. Cloke that you should use your influence to get them to vote on his side?—No, not in the least. He came and hired

the room, and I kept it for him for a fortnight for that very purpose.

15,799. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you say that they had meetings at your house?—They had two or three. I do not know exactly how many it was.

15,800. How many people came to these meetings?—20 or 30; I do not know just what it was.

15,801. Will you say 20 or 30?—Yes, something like that.

15,802. Did they have speeches?—Yes, but I do not know what they said, I am sure, because I was not at home.

15,803. Did you ever see anyone of those meetings yourself?—I only saw one.

15,804. How many people were there there?—I daresay very close on 20.

15,805. Will you say as many as 20?—Close upon 20; I never told them.

15,806. Were there any bills put up for this meeting?—Yes.

15,807. Printed bills?—Yes, stuck on the front part of the house, and in the house.

15,808. Notices of the meeting, do you mean?—Yes, put up in front of the house.

15,809. And about 20 people came, you say?—Something like that, but I never told them.

15,810. They had refreshments, I suppose?—What they bought themselves.

15,811. Did they all pay for themselves?—Up to a certain time they did.

15,812. I am speaking of this one night, when there was a meeting?—They paid for what they had.

15,813. Did each man pay for himself?—I am not in-doors all the time; I am always out.

15,814. Do you mean that every man paid for what he had?—As far as I know.

15,815. Do you know one way or the other?—I do not know what they paid for, and what they did not, but I know I had the money for it all there and then.

15,816. Did you supply any refreshments?—At my own expense, upon a few of my own customers.

15,817. You gave some of the people something to drink?—At my own expense.

15,818. Have you sent in any claim for that to anybody?—No.

15,819. Do you expect to get it from anybody?—I do not know; I must try, I suppose.

15,820. Have you asked anyone?—No.

15,821. How many people do you think you gave drink to at your own expense?—I can hardly tell you.

15,822. How many people do you think you gave drink to at your own expense?—I daresay from 50 to 60.

15,823. Voters?—Yes.

15,824. Who told you to do that; did anybody tell you?—No, no one?—I did it on my own accord.

15,825. You did it out of zeal for the cause?—Yes, I did.

15,826. (*Mr. Turner.*) What is the amount of the claim that you are going to send in? You say you hope to get paid?—Yes, I do.

15,827. How much do you hope to get paid?—I have not brought it here with me.

15,828. You can tell within a few shillings?—It would be about 30*s.*

THOMAS H. PARNELL sworn and examined.

T. H. Parnell.

15,829. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A smith.

15,830. Where do you live?—New Street, Sandwich.

15,831. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,832. Did you receive anything more?—No.

JOHN KENTON sworn and examined.

J. Kenton.

15,833. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

15,834. Where do you live?—Paradise Row.

15,835. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,836. Did you receive anything more?—No.

15,837. Besides the 3*l.* that you got from Mr. Lock, did anybody offer you any money?—No.

15,838. Are you sure?—Yes.

15,839. Did anybody ask you for your vote?—No.

15,840. You are quite certain of that?—Yes.

15,841. Did Mr. Gillow?—No.

15,842. Do you know Mr. Gillow, senr.?—Yes.

15,843. Did he ask you for your vote?—Yes, he asked me, and I told him I had promised.

15,844. To whom?—Mr. Roberts, and no one else.

15,845. Did he offer you anything?—He said, "I will give you —," but I would not have it. I said I had promised, and had done with it. I said, "I will not have it."

15,846. What did he offer you?—He gave me a glass

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of ale, and he said, "I wish I had seen you before;" and I said I had promised my vote to Mr. Roberts.

15,847. Did you tell him that you had promised?—Yes, I said that I had promised one man, and that was enough.

15,848. When did he offer you the ale, was it after you had told him that you had promised, or before?—I told him I had promised Mr. Roberts.

15,849. And then he offered you a glass of ale?—And then he gave me a glass of ale.

15,850. Did he offer you any money at all?—He said, I will give —, "but I do not know what. He said, "We have been playboys so many years, surely you "might do a little for me;" and I said, "No, I cannot, "I have promised Mr. Roberts." That was all that was said.

15,851. He said that you had been brought up together?—Yes, and that he might do a little something for me; and I said I would not have it, and then he gave me a glass of ale.

15,852. Did he or not offer you any money?—He did not give me any money.

15,853. Did he offer you any?—He told me he would, but I said I would not have it.

15,854. What did he say he would give you?—He never mentioned the amount.

15,855. Did he say he would give you any money at all?—He said he would give me a present, or something of the sort.

15,856. I want you to recollect as nearly as you can what he did say?—I have told you the truth.

15,857. I do not suggest that you are not doing so; but I want you to tell me, as accurately as you can, exactly what he said to you; what the conversation was?—I have told you what he did say, and I cannot tell you any more.

15,858. Tell us the conversation, as nearly as you can?—I cannot say any more than I have said.

15,859. You say he asked you to vote?—Yes.

15,860. And you told him you had promised?—Yes.

15,861. And then he gave you a glass of ale?—Yes it was a pint of ale.

15,862. Then he said about your having been brought up together, and he might do something for you?—Yes.

15,863. What did he say about giving you any money?—He said he would make me a present, but I do not know what it was.

15,864. He did not name any amount?—No.

15,865. Was anything more said beyond that?—No.

15,866. Are you quite sure?—That is quite right. I tell you the truth.

15,867. You are quite sure that nothing more passed?—No, there was nothing more at all; he never mentioned no amount.

W. Kenton.

WILLIAM KENTON sworn and examined.

15,868. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

15,869. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.

15,870. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote from Mr. George Lock?—Yes.

15,871. Did you receive anything more?—No.

F. Terry.

FREDERICK TERRY sworn and examined.

15,872. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

15,873. Where do you live?—At the Butts, Sandwich.

15,874. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,875. Did you receive anything else?—No.

E. Hoile.

EDWARD HOILE sworn and examined.

15,876. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

15,877. Where do you live?—Strand Street.

15,878. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,879. Did you receive anything else from anyone?—No.

G. Carpenter.

GEORGE CARPENTER sworn and examined.

15,880. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

15,881. Where do you live?—The Butts, Sandwich.

15,882. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,883. Did you receive anything else?—No.

J. Jordan.

JAMES JORDAN sworn and examined.

15,884. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A tanner.

15,885. Where do you live?—Strand Street.

15,886. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,887. Did you receive anything more?—No.

E. Canney.

EDWARD CANNEY sworn and examined.

15,888. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A butcher.

15,889. Where do you live?—6, Pickets Road, Deal.

15,890. What did you receive?—4*l.* from Mr. Harris.

15,891. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

15,892. Did you receive anything more?—No.

15,893. What is Mr. Harris' Christian name?—I think it is Patrick Harris; he keeps the "Norfolk Arms."

15,894. Is that all you received?—Yes, every farthing.

J. Langley.

JAMES LANGLEY sworn and examined.

15,895. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mariner.

15,896. Where do you live?—Harnet Street, Sandwich.

15,897. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,898. Nothing more?—No.

W. Town.

WILLIAM TOWN sworn and examined.

15,899. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

15,900. Where do you live?—Vicarage Lane.

15,901. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,902. Anything more?—No.

J. Page.

JOHN PAGE sworn and examined.

15,903. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—In Sandwich.

15,904. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.

15,905. Anything more?—No.

GEORGE FARRIER sworn and examined.

G. Farrier.

- 15,906. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,907. Where do you live?—Church Street, St. Mary's, Sandwich.
 15,908. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,909. Anything more?—No.

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GEORGE CARLTON sworn and examined.

G. Carlton.

- 15,910. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,911. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.
 15,912. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. East?—Yes.
 15,913. For your vote?—Yes.
 15,914. Anything more?—No.

WILLIAM HARLOW sworn and examined.

W. Harlow.

- 15,915. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A smith.
 15,916. Where do you live?—St. Peter's Street, Sandwich.
 15,917. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,918. Anything more?—No, nothing more.

DANIEL HOILE sworn and examined.

D. Hoile.

- 15,919. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labouring tanner.
 15,920. Where do you live?—Church Street, Sandwich.
 15,921. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,922. Anything else?—No, nothing.

JAMES HAMMOND sworn and examined.

J. Hammond.

- 15,923. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,924. Where do you live?—Paradise, Sandwich.
 15,925. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,926. Anything more?—No, nothing.

ALFRED MOAT sworn and examined.

A. Moat.

- 15,927. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.
 15,928. Where do you live?—Butchery, Sandwich.
 15,929. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock to vote?—Yes.
 15,930. Anything more?—No.

WILLIAM BLACKBURN sworn and examined.

W. Blackburn.

- 15,931. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—Vicarage Lane.
 15,932. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,933. Anything more?—1*l.* as messenger.
 15,934. From whom was that?—Mr. T. Slaughter, I think his name is.
 15,935. How many days were you acting as messenger?—Three days.
 15,936. Did you get anything more?—No.

HENRY STUPPLE sworn and examined.

H. Stupple.

- 15,937. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,938. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.
 15,939. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Lock.
 15,940. Anything more?—No, nothing more.
 15,941. That was for your vote?—Yes.
 15,942. Were you examined upon the petition?—No.

CHARLES LINE sworn and examined.

C. Line.

- 15,943. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,944. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.
 15,945. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,946. Anything more?—No.

WILLIAM HENDRICK sworn and examined.

W. Hendrick.

- 15,947. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A coachman.
 15,948. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.
 15,949. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,950. Anything more?—No.

THOMAS SWEETMAN sworn and examined.

T. Sweetman.

- 15,951. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,952. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.
 15,953. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,954. Anything more?—No, nothing more.

VALENTINE BURLEY sworn and examined.

V. Burley.

- 15,955. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labouring tanner.
 15,956. Where do you live?—Paradise Row.
 15,957. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,958. Nothing else?—No.

RICHARD MULLINER sworn and examined.

R. Mulliner.

- 15,959. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,960. Where do you live?—Church Street, Sandwich.
 15,961. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—Yes.
 15,962. Anything more?—No.

JOHN HODGES sworn and examined.

J. Hodges.

- 15,963. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 15,964. Where do you live?—Delph Street, Sandwich.
 15,965. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. George Lock for your vote?—No.
 15,966. What then?—I received 3*l.* from Mr. George Hooper.
 15,967. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 15,968. Anything more did you receive?—No.

J. Hodges.

15,969. Nothing from Mr. Lock?—No.

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15,970. Is there another John Hodges?—Not that I am aware; I do not think there is another Hodges in Sandwich. I had a summons for one of my sons, but they have both left my house.

15,971. Are you sure you did not receive anything from Mr. Lock?—No.

15,972. From nobody but Mr. Hooper?—No. John is my name, and I do not know of any other Hodges in the town.

S. Bishop.

SLODDEN BISHOP sworn and examined.

15,973. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I have been a labourer, but I live in St. Thomas' Hospital.

15,974. At Sandwich?—Yes.

15,975. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper for your vote?—Yes.

15,976. Anything else?—No, nothing.

H. Knowler.

HENRY KNOWLER sworn and examined.

15,977. (*Mr. Turner.*) I believe you are a pensioner?—I am living in the almshouses.

15,978. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper for your vote.

15,979. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

15,980. You were examined, I believe, at the trial, and you said, when asked whether you had got anything for your vote, that you had not; how came you to say that?—I did not want to injure the man, I suppose.

15,981. And so you swore falsely, what man was it?—Mr. Roberts.

15,982. Did anybody ask you to say that?—No.

15,983. Did anybody ask you to say that you had received nothing for your vote?—No.

15,984. Are you sure?—Yes.

15,985. Did anyone suggest it to you?—No one said anything to me.

15,986. Was it simply because you did not want to injure Mr. Roberts that you swore falsely?—Yes.

15,987. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you have any conversation with anybody about the evidence you were to give?—No.

15,988. You are sure of that?—Nobody said anything to me.

15,989. Did you tell anybody that you had had a subpoena?—No.

15,990. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did any solicitor's clerk call upon you or solicitor about your evidence?—No.

15,991. Nobody at all?—No, I had nobody come to see me.

15,992. Did Mr. Hooper say anything to you about it?—No, he called upon me and asked me if I would like to take the money; that is all I know about it.

15,993. (*Mr. Holl.*) After you had had your subpoena to give evidence at the trial did you have any conversation with Mr. Hooper about your having been subpoenaed as a witness?—No.

15,994. Are you certain?—Yes, he never troubled me and I never troubled him.

J. Knight.

JAMES KNIGHT sworn and examined.

15,995. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

15,996. Where do you live?—Moat Sole, Sandwich.

15,997. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper for your vote?—Yes.

15,998. Anything else?—No.

J. Holmans.

JOB HOLMANS sworn and examined.

15,999. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

16,000. Where do you live?—Cattle Market, Sandwich.

16,001. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper for your vote?—Yes.

16,002. Anything more?—No, nothing more.

E. Farrier.

EDWARD FARRIER sworn and examined.

16,003. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer

16,004. Where do you live?—Church Street, Sandwich.

16,005. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper for your vote?—Yes.

16,006. Anything more?—No.

W. H. Overy.

WILLIAM HENRY OVERY sworn and examined.

16,007. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—Church Street, Sandwich.

16,008. What are you?—A mariner.

16,009. Did you get your money from Mr. Hooper?—No, Mr. Hughes.

16,010. 3*l.*?—Yes, 3*l.*, and my expenses paid from London and back.

16,011. You got 3*l.* besides your expenses?—Yes.

16,012. That was for your vote?—I do not know what it was for; I was not asked.

16,013. What do you think it was for?—A present or gift, I suppose, and I should like to have another one.

16,014. You knew it was for your vote?—I was not asked.

16,015. Do you not know yourself it was for your vote?—I judged it was for my vote.

16,016. How much did you get for your expenses?—1*l.*, I daresay.

16,017. From London?—From London and back.

16,018. Did you get anything more?—Yes.

16,019. What did you get besides?—I was sent for and told that a man had got something for me, and Mr. Nowers put 5*l.* into my hand.

16,020. When was that?—Before the election.

16,021. What was that for?—He never told me where he got it.

16,022. What do you think it was for?—I might think of a good many things.

16,023. Think of something and tell me what you think it was for?—I was not asked. I was not told where it came from, or who from, and nothing of the kind.

16,024. I am asking you what you think it was for?—I say I might think of a good many things, and might think wrong.

16,025. You must not trifle; did he not give it to you for your vote?—He never mentioned it.

16,026. Did you not think he meant it for your vote?—It might be for that.

16,027. Can you think of anything else that he would give it to you for?—No.

J. Langtree.

JAMES LANGTREE sworn and examined.

16,028. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A blacksmith.

16,029. Where do you live?—Market Street, Sandwich.

16,030. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper for your vote?—Yes.

16,031. Anything more?—No.

W. J. Overy.

WILLIAM JAMES OVERY sworn and examined.

16,032. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A market gardener.

16,033. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.

16,034. What did you receive?—3*l.*

16,035. From Mr. Hooper?—Yes.

16,036. Did you receive anything more?—No.

JOHN STROUD sworn and examined.

J. Stroud.

- 16,037. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer. 16,039. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper for your 19 Oct. 1880.
 16,038. Where do you live?—Church Street, St. Clement's, Sandwich. vote?—Yes.
 16,040. Anything more?—No.

GEORGE LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

G. Lawrence.

- 16,041. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A platelayer. 16,043. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper for your
 16,042. Where do you live?—In Sandwich. vote?—Yes.
 16,044. Anything more?—No.

EDWARD SPAIN sworn and examined.

E. Spain.

- 16,045. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A pipemaker. 16,048. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 16,046. Do you live at Sandwich?—Yes, Strand Street, Sandwich. 16,049. Did you receive anything more?—No, only a promise.
 16,047. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper?—Yes. 16,050. How much?—2*l.* more.
 16,051. From Mr. Hooper?—Yes.

HENRY CHAPMAN sworn and examined.

H. Chapman.

- 16,052. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A warehouseman. 16,054. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.
 16,053. Where do you live?—In Sandwich. 16,055. From Mr. Hooper?—Yes.
 16,056. Anything more?—No.

JAMES JOHN JAMIESON sworn and examined.

J. J. Jamieson.

- 16,057. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A cellarman. 16,060. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 16,058. Where do you live?—In Sandwich. 16,061. Did you receive anything more?—No.
 16,059. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper?—Yes.

THOMAS JONES sworn and examined.

T. Jones.

- 16,062. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—Church Street, Sandwich. 16,064. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote from Mr. Hooper?—Yes.
 16,063. What are you?—A tanner. 16,065. Anything more?—No, nothing.

WILLIAM OLDFIELD sworn and examined.

W. Oldfield.

- 16,066. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer. 16,068. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper for your
 16,067. Where do you live?—In Sandwich. vote?—Yes.
 16,069. Anything else?—No.

THOMAS FRIEND sworn and examined.

T. Friend.

- 16,070. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A tailor. 16,074. Did you receive anything more?—No, nothing.
 16,071. Where do you live?—King Street, Sandwich. 16,075. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you get nothing from Mr. Hooper?—No.
 16,072. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper?—No, not from Mr. Hooper, but Mr. Rigden. 16,076. Is there another person of your name in Sandwich?—No, I think not.
 16,073. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I suppose it was for that. 16,077. Do you think that your money came from Mr. Hooper through Rigden?—Yes, I think it did.

JENNINGS REYNOLDS sworn and examined.

J. Reynolds.

- 16,078. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A blacksmith. 16,080. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper for your
 16,079. Where do you live?—The Butts, Sandwich. vote?—Yes.
 16,081. Anything more?—No.

OSBOURNE JAMES WRAIGHT sworn and examined.

O. J. Wraight.

- 16,082. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A drayman. 16,085. For your vote?—Yes.
 16,083. Where do you live?—In Sandwich. 16,086. Did you receive anything more?—No.
 16,084. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

MARIS HENRY READ sworn and examined.

M. H. Read.

- 16,087. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner. 16,093. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.
 16,088. Where do you live?—Church Street, Sandwich. 16,094. How much?—5*l.* from Mr. Nowers.
 16,089. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes?—No. 16,095. What was that for?—I cannot tell you. The foreman went up to my house, unbeknown to me, before I got there.
 16,090. How much did you receive?—None at all from Mr. Hughes, but I received 3*l.* from Mr. Back. 16,096. Was it before the election?—It was upon the election day I received it.
 16,091. Do you think it came from Mr. Hughes?—I fancy it did. 16,097. Do you not think it had something to do with your vote?—Most likely it had.
 16,092. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

CHARLES TURNER sworn and examined.

C. Turner.

- 16,098. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer. 16,100. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes for your
 16,099. Where do you live?—Church Street, St. Clement's, Sandwich. vote?—Yes.
 16,101. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

S. Ellender.

SAMPSON ELLENDER sworn and examined.

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16,102. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A baker.
 16,103. Where do you live?—Church Street, St. Mary, Sandwich.
 16,104. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes, for your vote?—No. I received 2*l.*

16,105. From Mr. Hughes?—Yes.
 16,106. For your vote?—Yes.
 16,107. And a promise of anything more?—No.
 16,108. Did you receive anything more?—No.

W. H. Stokes.

WILLIAM H. STOKES sworn and examined.

16,109. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A groom and gardener.
 16,110. Where do you live?—Fisher Street, Sandwich.

16,111. Did you receive 3*l.* from M. Hughes for your vote?—Yes.
 16,112. Did you receive anything more?—No.

J. Norris.

JAMES NORRIS sworn and examined.

16,113. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 16,114. Where do you live?—Church, St. Mary.
 16,115. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
 16,116. From Mr. Hughes?—Yes.
 16,117. For your vote?—Yes.
 16,118. Did you receive anything more?—No.
 16,119. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you lay out any money in this election?—No.
 16,120. Did you give any any money away?—No.
 16,121. Did you receive any money for the purpose of giving it away?—No.
 16,122. Are you sure?—Yes.
 16,123. None?—No.

16,124. Do you know Mr. Benjamin Coleman?—Yes; I know him.
 16,125. Did he not give you some money to spend?—No.
 16,126. Are you sure?—Sure.
 16,127. Did anybody else?—No.
 16,128. You are quite certain of that?—Quite certain.
 16,129. Did you have any talk with Mr. Coleman about the election?—No, nothing in particular. He only came to me once, with Sir Julian Goldsmid.
 16,130. Except then, did you not have any talk with Mr. Coleman about how to manage the election, and what was to be done?—No.
 16,131. Are you quite sure?—Quite sure.

T. Jezzard.

THOMAS JEZZARD sworn and examined.

16,132. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Sexton at St. Clement's Churchyard.
 16,133. Where do you live?—Fisher Street, Sandwich.

16,134. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes for your vote?—Yes, I did.
 16,135. Anything more?—Nothing more.

G. Jezzard.

GEORGE JEZZARD sworn and examined.

16,136. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A grocer's assistant.
 16,137. Where do you live?—High Street, Sandwich.

16,138. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote?—I did.
 16,139. From Mr. Hughes?—Yes.
 16,140. Anything more?—Nothing else.

W. Rye.

WILLIAM RYE sworn and examined.

16,141. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A tailor.
 16,142. Where do you live?—Fisher Street, Sandwich.
 16,143. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

16,144. From Mr. Hughes?—Yes.
 16,145. For your vote?—Yes.
 16,146. Anything more?—Nothing.

W. T. Dunn.

WILLIAM THOMAS DUNN sworn and examined.

16,147. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a hair-dresser.
 16,148. Where do you live?—Sandwich.
 16,149. Did you receive 3*l.*?—Yes.

16,150. From Mr. Hughes?—From Mr. Hughes.
 16,151. For your vote?—For my vote.
 16,152. Anything more?—No.

W. Brett.

WILLIAM BRETT sworn and examined.

16,153. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
 16,154. Where do you live?—Harnet Street, Sandwich.
 16,155. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes for your vote?—No.
 16,156. Then from whom did you receive it?—I received 3*l.* from my brother James.
 16,157. Who did he bring it from?—I do not know.

16,158. Do you not think it came from Mr. Hughes?—Perhaps it did. I cannot say.
 16,159. Do you not think so?—I think perhaps it did come from Mr. Hughes.
 16,160. It was not your brother's own money?—No.
 16,161. Was it for your vote?—I suppose so.
 16,162. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

T. Mannings.

THOMAS MANNINGS recalled and further examined.

(*The Witness.*) I have been examined, but there is a question.

16,163. (*Mr. Turner.*) What is the question?—Mr. Coleman put me down 30*s.*, and I had 1*l.*

16,164. Did you tell us that the other day?—I said 1*l.*

16,165. Did you get nothing from Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

I had 3*l.* from the other side, Mr. Brett gave me that, and 1*l.* from Mr. Coleman.

16,166. You did not tell us that you had 3*l.* from Mr. Brett?—I did, sir, last Thursday.

16,167. Is that all you got?—That is all I got until yesterday when he handed me over the other 10*s.*

16,168. 3*l.* and 1*l.* 10*s.* you have had?—That is it.

J. Clark.

JAMES CLARK sworn and examined.

16,169. What are you?—A joiner.
 16,170. Where do you live?—Sandwich.
 16,171. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

16,172. From Mr. Hughes?—Yes.
 16,173. Anything more?—No.

G. Langley.

GEORGE LANGLEY sworn and examined.

16,174. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
 16,175. Where do you live?—Paradise Row, Sandwich.
 16,176. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes?—I had off my brother, and my brother see him.

16,177. It came from Mr. Hughes?—Yes.
 16,178. It was brought to you for your vote?—Yes.
 16,179. Anything more?—Nothing more.

THOMAS LANGLEY sworn and examined.

T. Langley.
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- 16,180. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
16,181. Where do you live?—Paradise House, Sandwich.
16,182. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes?—I received 9*l.*
16,183. What did you do with it?—3*l.* each for my two brothers, and 3*l.* for myself.
16,184. Was the 3*l.* for yourself for your vote?—Yes.
16,185. And the 3*l.* for your brothers for their votes?—Yes.
16,186. Anything more?—No.

JOHN LANGLEY sworn and examined.

J. Langley

- 16,187. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
16,188. Where do you live?—I live at Sandwich.
16,189. Did you receive 3*l.* from your brother for your vote?—I received 3*l.* on election morning because I had been working hard the whole election for Mr. Roberts. Always volunteer. I have never been bribed in my life.
16,190. But you received the 3*l.*?—This money came to me to be spent for the lush on the day, but I did not spend it all that day, I saved some for the next. I never asked for it.
16,191. You took it?—I received it on election morning.
16,192. You voted for Mr. Roberts?—Yes, and I did all I could for him.
16,193. Was not the 3*l.* for your vote?—I never thought of having anything at all.
16,194. Do you not suppose it was given to you for your vote?—I never had anything for my vote.
16,195. Was there anything else that they could give you 3*l.* for?—They sent that to me because I had been working for Mr. Roberts.
16,196. Did you receive anything else but the 3*l.*?—Nothing.

THOMAS HUCKSTEP sworn and examined.

T. Huckstep

- 16,197. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
16,198. Where do you live?—Paradise Lane, Sandwich.
16,199. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes?—No, from Mr. Back.
16,200. Did he bring it from Mr. Hughes?—I do not know. He gave it to me.
16,201. For your vote?—I expect so.
16,202. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else whatever.

FREDERICK WALL sworn and examined.

F. Wall.

- 16,203. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
16,204. Where do you live?—Paradise Lane, Sandwich.
16,205. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes?—No.
16,206. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Back.
16,207. For your vote?—Yes.
16,208. Anything more?—Nothing more.

EDWARD GIBSON sworn and examined.

E. Gibson.

- 16,209. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
16,210. Where do you live?—Bulwark Row, Sandwich.
16,211. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes?—No.
16,212. From Mr. Back?—Mr. Back.
16,213. For your vote?—Yes.
16,214. Anything more?—Nothing more.

JAMES SMITH sworn and examined.

J. Smith.

- 16,215. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.
16,216. What is your occupation?—A labourer to Mr. West, corn merchant.
16,217. What did you get at the election?—Nothing at all.
16,218. From nobody?—No, not from nobody.
16,219. Were you promised anything?—If I was I have not received it.
16,220. But were you promised anything?—Yes. I was promised, but I have never received it.
16,221. Who promised it?—Mr. Richard Gillow.
16,222. What did he say he would give you?—2*l.*, but I have never received a halfpenny.
16,223. You mean Mr. Richard Gillow, senior, the old gentleman?—No, the young one.
16,224. You never got it?—No, I have never had a halfpenny.
16,225. Did anybody else promise you anything?—No. Nobody has ever come nigh me.
16,226. Is that all you received?—Yes.

JAMES SMITH sworn and examined.

J. Smith.

- 16,227. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.
16,228. What are you?—A labourer.
16,229. What did you get at the election?—I had 3*l.*
16,230. From whom?—From Mr. James Brett.
16,231. Is that all you received?—That is all I received.
16,232. That was for your vote, I suppose, was it not?—I expect it was. I wish it had been a little more though.

GILBERT BIRCH sworn and examined.

G. Birch.

- 16,233. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.
16,234. What is your occupation?—Oil merchant.
16,235. What did you get at the election?—I had 3*l.*
16,236. From whom?—Mr. James Brett.
16,237. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.
16,238. Is that all you got?—That is all I had. I did not expect that.

JOHN WOOD sworn and examined.

J. Wood.

- 16,239. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.
16,240. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
16,241. What did you get at the election?—5*l.* from Mr. Nowers.
16,242. Is that all you got?—3*l.* from Mr. Hughes.
16,243. Both those sums were for your vote, I suppose, were they not?—I suppose so.

AUGUSTUS LONGLEY RIGDEN sworn and examined.

A. L. Rigden.

- 16,244. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Chain Street, Sandwich.
16,245. What is your occupation?—A carpenter.
16,246. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*
16,247. From whom?—Mr. Brett, bricklayer.
16,248. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
16,249. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

S. Mantle.

STEPHEN MANTLE sworn and examined.

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16,250. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Paradise Lane.
 16,251. What is your occupation?—Brewer's servant.
 16,252. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

16,253. Who from?—Mr. Back.
 16,254. Is that all you got?—Yes.
 16,255. That was for your vote, was it not?—Yes.

H. Hopkins.

HENRY HOPKINS sworn and examined.

16,256. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Galliard Street.
 16,257. What is your occupation?—A butcher.
 16,258. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* from Mr. Hughes and 4*l.* from Mr. Henry Baker.

16,259. Was that all you got?—Yes.
 16,260. Both those sums were for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

T. Port.

THOMAS PORT recalled and further examined.

16,261. (*Mr. Turner.*) You had 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes, did you not. Who else did you get it from?—Benjamin Coleman.

16,264. Who was it?—Mr. Rea.

16,262. (*Mr. Holl.*) Is that all you had?—No, I had 3*l.* from a man at Deal.

16,265. Was Mr. Rea in the room when you got it?—Yes.

16,263. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Can you tell us about this last sum that you got at Deal?—No, I did not know his name, I have just heard it now.

16,266. Somebody of the name of Rea gave it you?—Rea. I have just seen the man here, and I have asked him his name.

R. Riley.

RICHARD RILEY sworn and examined.

16,267. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—16, Peter Street.

16,270. Any more?—No.

16,268. What are you?—A boatman.

16,271. That was for your vote, I suppose?—That would be about right, that is it.

16,269. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* from Mr. Robert Wilds.*J. B. Finnis.*

JOHN BELSEY FINNIS sworn and examined.

16,272. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—King Street, Sandwich.

16,276. Is that all you got?—Yes, that is all I received.

16,273. What is your occupation?—Gardener.

16,277. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

16,274. Did you get 3*l.* at the election?—Yes.

16,275. From Mr. Hughes?—No. Mr. Wybourne.

16,278. (*Mr. Turner.*) Were you promised anything more?—No.*J. Gibbens.*

JOHN GIBBENS sworn and examined.

16,279. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Chain Street.

16,282. Who from?—Mr. Wybourne.

16,280. What is your occupation?—Labourer.

16,283. Is that all you got?—Yes.

16,281. Did you get 3*l.* at the election?—Yes.

16,284. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

W. Ellis.

WILLIAM ELLIS sworn and examined.

16,285. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Fisher Street, Sandwich.16,289. Did you get anything more?—A promise of 2*l.* more if Mr. Roberts got in.

16,286. What is your occupation?—Labourer.

16,290. Who made that promise?—Mr. Hughes.

16,287. Did you get 3*l.* at the election?—I did.

16,291. Did you get anything more besides that?—No.

16,288. Who from?—Mr. Hughes.

16,292. The 3*l.* was for your vote?—Yes.*W. Helmon.*

WILLIAM HELMON sworn and examined.

16,293. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Sandwich.

16,296. From whom?—Mr. Hughes.

16,294. What is your occupation?—A bailiff.

16,297. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

16,295. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

16,298. Did you get anything else?—No.

W. Hull.

WILLIAM HULL sworn and examined.

16,299. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.16,301. What did you get at the election?—I had 3*l.* from Mr. Hughes and 5*l.* from Mr. Nowers.

16,300. What is your occupation?—A shipwright.

16,301*a.* Both those sums, I suppose, were for your vote?—Yes.*E. Page.*

EDWARD PAGE sworn and examined.

16,302. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.16,304*a.* Which did you get first of those two?—Mr. Nowers.16,302*a.* What is your occupation?—Labourer.

16,305. You got the other afterwards?—Afterwards.

16,303. Did you get 3*l.* at the election?—Yes.16,305*a.* Were those sums all you got?—Yes.16,303*a.* Who from?—Mr. James Brett.

16,306. Both those sums were for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

16,304. Did you get anything more?—And 5*l.* from Mr. Nowers.*T. Kemp.*

THOMAS KEMP sworn and examined.

16,306*a.* (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—I live at the Sluice House.

16,308. Who from?—Mr. Hughes.

16,307. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*16,308*a.* Was that for your vote?—Yes.16,307*a.* What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

16,309. Was that all you got?—Yes.

STEPHEN WANSTALL sworn and examined.

S. Wanstall.

- 16,309a. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich. 16,311. From Mr. Hughes?—Yes.
 16,310. What is your occupation?—A labourer. 16,311a. Did you get anything more?—No.
 16,310a. Did you get 3*l.* at the election?—Yes. 16,312. That was for your vote, I suppose, was it not?—Yes.

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JOHN KNOWLER sworn and examined.

J. Knowler.

- 16,313. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What are you?—A rag and bone merchant. 16,315. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. East for your vote?—Yes.
 16,314. Where do you live?—Milwall Place, Sandwich. 16,316. Anything more?—No, I wish I had.

Adjourned for a short time.

GEORGE COLEMAN sworn and examined.

G. Coleman.

- 16,317. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A waterman. 16,324. You were one of the crew?—Yes.
 16,318. Where do you live?—Walmer Road. 16,325. Did you come up by boat?—Yes.
 16,319. What did you receive?—I received 2*l.* 10*s.* 16,326. You got your travelling expenses paid, and you got 2*l.* 10*s.* besides, did you not?—Yes.
 16,320. Who from?—Henry Axon. 16,327. You had the same as the rest of the crew?—Yes.
 16,321. Henry David Axon?—Yes. 16,328. Did you have anything else?—No.
 16,322. What was that for?—For travelling 300 or 400 miles.
 16,323. Are you one of the men who came up from Portsmouth?—Yes.

RICHARD WRATTEN sworn and examined.

R. Wratten.

- 16,329. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You live at 2, Sunnyside?—Yes, West Street. 16,332. From Mr. Rea?—Yes.
 16,330. What is your occupation?—A fly-driver. 16,333. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 16,331. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* 16,334. Is that all you got?—Yes.

FREDERICK GEORGE JOHNSON sworn and examined.

F. G. Johnson.

- 16,335. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Fisher Street, Sandwich. 16,338. From Mr. Baker?—From Mr. Charles Baker.
 16,336. What is your occupation?—A wheelwright. 16,339. Is that all you got?—That is all.
 16,337. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* 16,340. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

WILLIAM BOYER sworn and examined.

W. Boyer.

- 16,341. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Chain, Sandwich. 16,344. From Mr. Charles Baker?—Yes.
 16,342. What is your occupation?—A photographer. 16,345. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 16,343. Did you get 3*l.* at the election?—Yes. 16,346. Is that all you got?—Yes.

THOMAS HEATH STYLES sworn and examined.

T. H. Styles.

- 16,347. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Milwall Place. 16,350. I suppose that was for having voted, was it not?—I suppose so, I did not have it for a fortnight afterwards.
 16,348. What is your occupation?—A builder. 16,351. That was all you got all these 33 years?—Yes, so I have not had much.
 16,349. What did you get at the election?—I voted for 33 years and I never got a farthing till a fortnight after this election at Sandwich, and I had 3*l.* from Mr. Giles.

WILLIAM STYLES sworn and examined.

W. Styles.

- 16,352. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Milwall Place. 16,355. From Mr. Charles Baker?—From Mr. Giles, three weeks after the election.
 16,353. What is your occupation?—Bricklayer. 16,356. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 16,354. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* 16,357. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

J. FINNIS sworn and examined.

J. Finnis.

- 16,358. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Milwall Place, Sandwich. 16,361. From Mr. Giles?—From Mr. Giles.
 16,359. What is your occupation?—A butcher. 16,362. Is that all you got?—That is all.
 16,360. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* 16,363. That was for your vote, I suppose?—That was for my vote.

WILLIAM CASTLE sworn and examined.

W. Castle.

- 16,364. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—King Street, Sandwich. 16,366. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* for labour and my vote a month after the election.
 16,365. What is your occupation?—Sexton of the cemetery, and I fill up my time at other places gardening. 16,367. Did you get anything else?—Not a single penny.

CHARLES BAILEY sworn and examined.

C. Bailey.

- 16,368. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—St. Peter's Street, Sandwich. 16,371. Who from?—Mr. Giles.
 16,369. What is your occupation?—A labourer. 16,372. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 16,370. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* 16,373. (*Mr. Holl.*) Anything more?—Nothing else.

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16,374. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
16,375. Where do you live?—Moat Sole, Sandwich.

16,376. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. Giles for your vote?
—Yes.
16,377. Anything more?—No.

J. Ledner.

16,378. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
16,379. Where do you live?—Church Street, Sandwich.
16,380. What did you get?—3*l.*
16,381. Who from?—Mr. Giles.

16,382. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
16,383. Did you get anything from Mr. Lock?—No.
16,384. Are you sure?—Yes.
16,385. Did the money you got from Mr. Giles come through Mr. Lock?—No.

J. D. Philpott.

16,386. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are a sergeant in the police force?—Yes.
16,387. Did you serve a summons upon James Wooden, of Jew's Harp Alley?—I served it on his wife,

and she told me he was upstairs at work at the time. Since that she has informed me that he went away the same day, and she has never heard of him since.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

Wednesday, 20th October 1880.

Mr. E. Hills.

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16,388. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Woodbine Cottage, Victoria Road.

16,389. I believe you are a brewer?—Yes.
16,390. Where is your brewery?—In the High Street.
16,391. Yours is, I think, the principal brewery in Deal, is it not?—Yes.

16,392. Can you tell me roughly how many men you employ at your brewery?—13 I think it is, or 14.

16,393. Do you own any public-houses?—Yes.

16,394. How many?—In Deal do you mean?

16,395. First of all altogether, and then I will ask you where they are?—I do not know exactly, but I should think between 30 and 40 houses.

16,396. Where are they?—Most of them are situated in Deal.

16,397. How many do you own in Deal?—I could not not say.

16,398. It is a very nice thing to own so many houses; do you own so many that you cannot tell me; I daresay you can if you think?—It may be perhaps 20.

16,399. Do you own any in Walmer?—Yes.

16,400. How many?—One in Walmer.

16,401. And any in Sandwich?—Yes.

16,402. How many?—Four in Sandwich.

16,403. Is there not some system by which the houses are called tied-houses?—Yes.

16,404. What is that?—They call a house that belongs to a brewer a tied-house.

16,405. Does he pay the license?—No, the tenant pays the license.

16,406. A tied-house means a house that belongs to the brewer?—Yes, that is so.

16,407. Then all your houses would be called tied houses?—Yes.

16,408. When did you begin to interest yourself in the election?—The day that Sir Julian Goldsmid came down was the first time I had anything to do with it.

16,409. Was there a Liberal committee formed?—I suppose there was.

16,410. Were you on it?—No, I did not belong to the committee.

16,411. You say that you began to interest yourself when Sir Julian came down; what did you do yourself?—I asked one or two for their votes.

16,412. That is to say, in other words, you began to canvass?—Yes.

MR. EDWIN HILLS sworn and examined.

16,413. That, I suppose, was upon the Tuesday before polling day?—Yes, it would be about a week before the polling day.

16,414. You canvassed several people?—Yes, I did.

16,415. How soon did you hear anything of any idea of influencing voters by means of money?—The first that I met asked me about money; the first thing that they asked was what they would get.

16,416. You mean the people that you canvassed?—Yes.

16,417. Did you find that prevail pretty extensively in the course of your canvassing?—Yes, very extensively.

16,418. It was pretty nearly the case with everyone you canvassed?—Yes, everyone.

16,419. They wanted money?—Yes.

16,420. How soon did you hear of anything being done with a view to provide money for that purpose?—I did not hear anything about money being provided.

16,421. Or any idea of it?—No, I had no idea there was any money.

16,422. How soon did you hear of any idea of paying persons for their votes on your side. You were canvassing on the Liberal side?—Yes. The first day I heard that they expected money.

16,423. You have told me that as soon as you began to canvass you found the people you were canvassing expected money; what I want to know is, how soon did you hear of the other parties to the transaction, that is to say, the parties who were to supply the money; how soon did you hear of any idea of supplying money for the purpose of its being spent in that way?—I never heard about any money being supplied by anyone, and I have had no money from anyone.

16,424. Just think, how soon after you began to interest yourself in the election did you hear that anybody was either paying money or preparing to pay money upon the Liberal side?—I do not know, I am sure.

16,425. How soon did you hear of anybody making out lists, or considering who was to have the money?—It might be upon the Friday or Saturday before the election.

16,426. Did you hear of anybody having made out lists for the purpose of the persons upon such lists being influenced by means of money?—No.

16,427. You did not hear of that?—No.

16,428. Never?—No, never.

16,429. Are you sure?—Not before, but I have since, of course.

16,430. Of course we all have since. You say upon Friday or Saturday you heard that persons upon your side (I will ask you presently if you knew about the other side) were entertaining the idea of finding money for the purpose of bribery?—Yes.

16,431. Who did you hear at that time as being engaged at that work?—Mr. Outwin.

16,432. Anybody else?—No, I do not know of anyone else.

16,433. Did you hear of anyone else planning, if I may so put it, to give money, and making out lists for that purpose, and considering who was to have the money?—No.

16,434. You did not?—No.

16,435. With the exception of Mr. Outwin did you hear anybody else contemplating paying money for the purpose of bribery?—No.

16,436. Are you sure of that?—Yes, only those to whom Outwin paid the money, and those you have had before you.

16,437. I am asking you who else did you hear as being engaged in the work of paying money, or arranging for the paying of money?—I never heard of anyone else.

16,438. No one excepting Outwin?—No.

16,439. Did you see Outwin upon the subject?—Yes.

16,440. When was that?—I do not know exactly; it was before the election.

16,441. Did he tell you that he was paying money, and arranging to pay money, to influence votes?—Well, I do not know that he told me.

16,442. You understood that he was?—Yes, I understood so.

16,443. You knew that he was?—Yes, I knew that he was.

16,444. When did you yourself begin either to pay money, or to think of paying money, or to arrange to pay money?—I should think it would be the Friday or Saturday before the election.

16,445. How came you to engage in paying money to voters for their votes; how did it come about?—Because they would not promise without money.

16,446. Did anybody suggest to you that you should pay money to these people?—I do not know that anyone did.

16,447. Try and think; did anybody suggest to you upon the Friday or Saturday that you should pay money to voters, or find money for the purpose of influencing votes?—No, no one suggested it to me. The men I saw would not vote without they had a promise, and I promised them, and those that I promised I paid.

16,448. Did anybody other than the voters themselves suggest to you that you should find money for the payment of voters?—No.

16,449. Nobody?—No.

16,450. It was your own idea entirely, was it?—Yes.

16,451. Did you have any conversation with anybody upon the subject of your paying voters, or providing money for paying them?—I have spoken to Mr. Outwin.

16,452. To anybody else?—No, not that I am aware of.

16,453. Just try and think?—No, I think not.

16,454. Are you sure?—Yes, quite sure.

16,455. No one at all?—No one.

16,456. You understand what my question is; whether you had any conversation at that time with anyone else besides Mr. Outwin, whose name you have given, upon the subject of your or anybody else paying money or providing money for the purpose of its being paid to voters for their votes?—No, I do not remember anyone else.

16,457. Who were you in communication with upon the subject of the election; to whom did you report the progress of your canvassing?—To Mr. Outwin.

16,458. To nobody else?—No.

16,459. Are you sure?—Yes, quite sure.

16,460. You say that Mr. Outwin was the sole person with whom you communicated in regard to the election?—Yes.

16,461. Did you go to the committee rooms?—Yes.

16,462. Pretty regularly?—No.

16,463. Did you go there about Friday or Saturday?—Yes, I daresay I should be there.

16,464. What committee room did you go to?—To the "Star and Garter."

16,465. Who did you see there?—I saw the two Mr. Ramella, and several more. There was Mr. Lowndes.

16,466. Anybody else?—Mr. Millen, I think, I saw there, and a lot more, but I forget them now.

16,467. You must have seen a great many I should think?—Yes, there were a great many, but I forget them now.

16,468. Unless things are very different with you here than at other places you must have had communication with a good many of what I may call the leading parties; you are the largest brewer, and took an interest in the election, and it is very difficult to believe that you did not have conversations as regards the conduct of it with other persons than Mr. Outwin?—No, I did not. I have never taken an active part in it before.

16,469. You took an active part at this election?—Slightly so, but not so active as some people imagine.

16,470. We shall see presently how active you have been; it is a little difficult to believe, but if you tell me so of course I must accept it. It is a little difficult to understand you, holding the position you do, should not be in communication with others of the local leaders besides Mr. Outwin?—No, I have not had any communication with anyone else. I came to the committee rooms and of course talked with different parties, but it was only ordinary conversation; nothing particular.

16,471. You must have talked with considerable detail I should think. Was it ever suggested to you how many voters you could provide, or how many voters you could get?—No.

16,472. Did you never say how many voters you could get, or influence, or bring, or provide, or anything of that sort?—No.

16,473. Never?—No.

16,474. Do you really mean that?—Yes.

16,475. You are a person of considerable influence, owning all these public-houses and capable of influencing a great many persons, and they must have reckoned the chances of success at that time very carefully, day by day and hour by hour the active parties must have been adding up what they could do, and do you mean to say they did not ask you what help you could give them?—No, our influence here is not so great as all that.

16,476. I think possibly you underrate it a little; do you say that you were not asked by persons who were engaged in the election what you could do, and what help you could bring to bear, and questions of that kind?—No.

16,477. Do you mean to represent that?—Yes, I was never asked that.

16,478. You say that it came into your own head, and was not suggested by anybody to pay money to the voters when you began to pay money to the voters?—Upon the morning of the election was the first money I paid.

16,479. Was that your own money?—Yes.

16,480. Entirely?—Yes.

16,481. How much money did you pay away to voters?—I think it is 41l.

16,482. Your own money?—Yes.

16,483. To whom did you pay that?—I have a list here (*handing a paper*).

16,484. Was all this 41l. given upon the morning of the election day?—No, it was not all given upon the morning of the election; I paid two or three of them a day or two after the election.

16,485. I see "George Simpson, 12, Grove Terrace, '20l.'"; when did you pay that?—He had that the morning of the election.

16,486. You gave him that for the purpose of his influencing voters, of course?—Yes.

16,487. You knew that he was going to spend that money?—Yes.

16,488. Did he tell you to whom he intended to give it?—He did not mention the names, but he said it was for himself and four others that worked at the mill with him, but who he gave it to I do not know.

16,489. Had you canvassed him before?—No.

16,490. Is George Simpson in your employ?—No.

16,491. How came you to give George Simpson 20l. for himself, and four other persons?—He came up to my house the Saturday before the election; the election was on Monday, I think.

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16,492. No, Tuesday?—Then it would be Monday night that he came up, and I told him I could not say anything to him then, and he must come again in the morning.

16,493. What did he come and ask?—He simply came to see what he could get for his vote.

16,494. He came and asked you for money for his vote?—Yes.

16,495. What did you say?—I said that I could not say anything to him then, but if he came upon the morning I would see what I could do, and he did come upon the morning, and I gave him that money for himself and four others.

16,496. He told you that he could find these other people?—Yes.

16,497. Did he fix the sum of 20*l.*, or did you?—I do not know whether he did or not, I am sure—yes, I think he fixed it at 20*l.*; they were to have 4*l.* a piece.

16,498. He told you how many men it was he was going to influence?—Yes, he told me himself and four more.

16,499. Do you know how it was that George Simpson came and asked you for money; what had you said or done to lead that man, or anyone else, to believe that you were willing to find this money?—I believe he was sent up to me by Outwin.

16,500. Then you had talked to Mr. Outwin about finding money?—No, I do not know that I had spoken to him.

16,501. Then how do you account for Mr. Outwin sending him to you?—I do not know why it was he sent him to me.

16,502. A person would not send a voter to get money unless he had reason to suppose that the application would meet with a favourable answer; what had you said to Mr. Outwin to lead him to suppose that George Simpson, or anybody else, might be sent to get money?—I daresay I told Outwin that they had been before. They were up on the Monday evening, and I daresay I saw Mr. Outwin before the morning and told him.

16,503. That is not quite it. Simpson comes upon the Monday, and you say you think he came because Outwin sent him?—He came to see what he could get, of course.

16,504. What I am asking you is do you know how it was that George Simpson came to you upon the Monday evening to ask you for money; you had never seen George Simpson before?—I think he was sent to me by Outwin.

16,505. Very well; what I want to know is what conversation had you had with Outwin which would have led Outwin to suppose that he could send persons to you to get money?—I do not know that I had any conversation with him to lead him to suppose that.

16,506. Had you told Outwin that you would be prepared, or that you would be willing to find money for the purpose of paying the voters?—No, I did not tell him that.

16,507. Can you suggest at all to us why it was that Outwin should send persons to you, holding the position you do, to get money for their votes?—The only thing I can suggest is that he was himself pretty busy, and I suppose he wanted to get a few off his hands. That is the only reason I can give for it.

16,508. Have you ever been concerned in any election before?—No.

16,509. Never?—Never.

16,510. That makes it still more difficult to understand, unless something passed between you and Outwin, that Outwin should have taken the liberty, I was going to

say, but I will say should take the step, of sending a person to you to ask for money for his vote, and to get money from you for the purpose of its being spent in bribery; can you suggest why it was that Outwin took that step?—I am related to him, perhaps that is the reason.

16,511. What relation are you to Outwin?—He is a brother-in-law of mine.

16,512. I may take it that you had friendly conversations with Outwin about this?—Yes.

16,513. Very well, that is so far as regards Simpson; were the others persons that you had canvassed in the course of your canvass?—There were two more that were sent to me, whom I paid in the same way.

16,514. By whom were they sent?—They came from Outwin, I believe.

16,515. They came upon the Monday too?—Yes.

16,516. Who are the two that came to you in the same way as George Simpson?—Pettett and Foy.

16,517. Then Redman, Hills, and Wratten; how came you to give them money?—I canvassed them myself.

16,518. They asked you for money?—They expected some.

16,519. And you gave them money upon the day of the election?—No, those three I paid a day or two afterwards; at all events, it was not very long after.

16,520. They all get 4*l.* except John Wratten, who gets 5*l.*; what was the reason of that difference?—He had a promise of 5*l.* from the other party, I believe.

16,521. From whom—do you know the person?—No, I do not know.

16,522. He told you that, I suppose?—Yes.

16,523. And so you gave him 5*l.*?—Yes, he had 5*l.*

16,524. Was that all the money that you spent in connexion with the election?—I have spent between 6*l.* and 7*l.* in treating and one thing and another.

16,525. Of your own money?—Yes, of my own money.

16,526. That was in treating voters upon your side?—Yes.

16,527. Besides the 4*l.* and the 6*l.* or 7*l.* that you have spent in treating, did you spend any more?—No.

16,528. You did not receive any money, I understand, for the purpose of paying it out?—No, I have not received any money.

16,529. Do you know of any more money besides that you have told us? Do you know now, or ever at any time did you know of any other money being spent in bribery at this election?—No, I do not know of any other.

16,530. Are you sure?—Only what you have had before you in evidence.

16,531. I mean other than we have had before us in evidence as yet?—No, I do not know of any other.

16,532. You are quite sure?—Yes, quite sure.

16,533. You have not heard of any other money being spent?—No.

16,534. On either side, because I do not want your own side particularly?—No, I do not know about either party.

16,535. I will confine you to your own side. Do you know of any money being spent for this election upon illegitimate matters beyond what we have had before us?—No.

16,536. You are quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

16,537. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are the five voters that you have given us now in Deal?—I think they are; I do not know it for certain.

EDMUND BROWN sworn and examined.

E. Brown.

16,538. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—181, High Street.

16,539. I see that your name is signed as expenses agent for the returns made by the Liberal candidate for the election in May last?—Yes.

16,540. Did the moneys that are returned pass through your hands?—No, not a farthing of it; the accounts were exhibited to me.

16,541. When were they exhibited to you?—At or about the date mentioned in the return.

16,542. Not long before that?—No, probably a week before.

16,543. That would be sometime in September?—Yes.

16,544. Not before that?—I think about a week before I finally signed the papers upon the date mentioned.

16,545. The precise date is not material; but you say the accounts were exhibited to you about a week before the date when the return is made?—That is my impression, but I have no memorandum as to the particular date.

16,546. That was in the month of September?—Yes.

16,547. When did you hear that you had been appointed expenses agent?—Not for some time after the election. Allow me to explain that I have acted in that capacity to oblige Mr. Emmerson several times with the thorough understanding that he or the agents should really do the work; that I should give my approval to the accounts, or at least sign according to the requirements of the Statute, and that they should really do the work.

16,548. Did you not know that by Act of Parliament it is expressly enacted that no money shall be paid in connexion with the election except by or through the expenses agent, and indeed that that is the very object of having an expenses agent?—I scarcely knew that. I left all those matters to those professional gentlemen who had the confidence of the candidate and the party trusting that they knew the law and would properly advise me.

16,549. You are not a professional man?—No. Let it be understood that I was not a paid agent, but merely a friendly agent.

16,550. You are not a professional man, and you were not aware of the requirements of the Statute?—Not of the particulars of the law. I have no law library or Acts of Parliament to refer to, but I had the most perfect confidence in Mr. Emmerson, whom I have known so many years, and lately, in election matters, Mr. Edwards; and I believed that those gentlemen would keep me straight. I did not trouble myself with the Acts of Parliament, which I might misconstrue.

16,551. I understand you to say that you were not aware in fact of what were the duties, by Act of Parliament, attaching to the office you had undertaken?—My idea was that I was more an election auditor than a person through whose hands the payments of money would literally go.

16,552. As I understand it, you did not have any money passing through your hands, or make any investigation of the accounts until recently—sometime in September?—No, nor was I aware at the time that I was appointed. I was not informed so. I knew that there were changes in the election law, and I thought it probable that the office of expenses agent might be dispensed with. I was not anxious for the office. I did not inquire, and Mr. Emmerson assumed that I should oblige him as I had done in former times. I did not really hear of it until some weeks afterwards.

16,553. You acted as expenses agent at the general election in April last?—Yes, but I was quite ignorant of that also, and the amounts were not then laid before me until somewhere about the same time; indeed I was a little dissatisfied with those professional gentlemen when I found that they did not call up the accounts for my inspection earlier. I pressed them afterwards when I found how I was situated to do it, and they said there were difficulties, that the accounts were incomplete, and it was under those circumstances that they could not make up the accounts so soon as I wished.

16,554. You did act as expenses agent for Mr. Hugessen and Mr. Brassey in respect of the election in April?—Yes.

16,555. Had you acted in that capacity previously to the election in April?—Do you mean at former elections?

16,556. Yes?—I remember I was engaged in the election of 1874, and I believe even earlier. I acted as soon as the Act creating the office was passed, but I have forgotten the details of the election, though I remember 1874.

16,557. You think you have acted at each election since the Act passed as expenses agent for the Liberal party?—Yes.

16,558. I may assume that on neither occasion did you have any money pass through your hands, nor do you have the accounts more than formally submitted to you?—That is all. It has been my practice not to mix myself up really in financial affairs, or I may say the money part of the election.

16,559. Did you verify the accounts in any way?—Only by a cursory examination. I passed those that appeared to me to be legitimate and proper.

16,560. Do you remember if you excluded any?—Yes, in Mr. Emmerson's office he and I went over them, and he selected those items which were obviously legal, and

he told me there were claims which he would not call upon me to sanction, such as for rosettes; and I saw upon the face of them that they were doubtful, and put them upon one side.

16,561. Were you not made aware that the expenses agent was appointed to return all moneys expended in connexion with the election?—No, I was not aware of that. I knew there were poles, flags, and rosettes, but I gave no sanction to them.

16,562. Did you inquire whether such claims were going to be paid?—No, I simply passed them by, and I said I could not include them in the accounts, nor did they press that I should.

16,563. The very object of the Act of Parliament is to compel the return of all moneys that are expended, in order to ascertain whether they are proper or not, and if you quietly passed by all those you were told were not proper, that is quite contrary to the intention of the Act, but I understand you to say you were not aware of that?—No, I was not aware of that.

16,564. I gather from what you say that you relied entirely upon what you were told by the actual agents of the parties?—Yes; they were both solicitors of great experience, and I relied upon their advice. I simply passed those accounts by, and made no order; I passed them by to let them take their fate, and I was not aware that I was bound to take any notice of them.

16,565. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a retired tradesman.

16,566. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How far did you yourself verify any of these items which you did put into the election account?—Not very closely; they had all been examined by Mr. Emmerson or Mr. Edwards, and all those accounts that appeared to be due, and appeared to be in due form, and not contrary to any law known to me, I sanctioned.

16,567. That is not quite what I was asking you. How far did you verify any of them? Look at that account (*handing a paper*) signed by yourself?—This is not my signature.

16,568. It does not profess to be your signature; it is only a copy; is that the account the original of which you sent in?—Yes, I should think so, if it agrees with the published accounts.

16,569. You may take it that it does. There are a good many items, you see, and I want to know how far did you satisfy yourself that those items had been incurred at all; did you see any vouchers?—I think they were all vouchers.

16,570. Did you examine the vouchers?—They appeared to me to be all vouched as paid.

16,571. For instance, here is an item, "Claim for canvassing, disbursements, and petty expenses, 40*l*." I only take that as an example; did you go into it, and find out how many canvassers there were, and what the disbursements and petty expenses were?—No, I did not test the items in that way; I relied upon Mr. Emmerson. I did not really in that way test the items.

16,572. (*Mr. Holl.*) I suppose at all the elections at which you have acted you have done the same thing?—Yes. I acted in just the same way at former elections. I was not expected by Mr. Emmerson to go into the details, and I relied upon him and his clerks.

16,573. Did you do the uncontested election expenses in the same way?—Yes.

16,574. Mr. Emmerson submitted to you the accounts?—Yes.

16,575. At the uncontested election where there any accounts which Mr. Emmerson submitted to you which you did not think ought to appear?—No. I think there were more in that case, and it being an uncontested election it would not be so.

16,576. So far as your memory goes, you think there were no accounts with regard to that election which you rejected?—No. I am persuaded that that was the case.

JAMES BARBER EDWARDS recalled and further examined.

16,577. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you act as agent for the Liberal candidates in the general election of 1880?—Yes.

16,578. We see that a return is made for that election; you acted only as agent for Deal and Walmer?—Only for Deal upon that occasion.

16,579. That (*handing a paper*) is the return of the expenses for Deal at the general election in April of this year?—Yes.

16,580. Does that include, so far as Deal is concerned,

all the expenses that were incurred in that election?—Yes, the whole of them.

16,581. Were there beyond those any other expenses that you are aware of, of any kind, in connexion with the election?—No, not any.

16,592. Did you expend, or are you aware of any money being expended in connexion with that election at Deal, beyond the sum mentioned there?—I knew of nothing, nor do I believe there is such a thing. It has been said that a certain amount of money was sent down

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J. B. Edwards. to be divided amongst the Liberal party, but I know nothing of it, nor do I believe it. It arose, I believe, something in this way, from its being said that the uncontested election cost several hundred pounds, and that was turned into "700l." There has been often a talk that a certain amount of money has come down, but I know nothing of it, and I believe that there was nothing of the sort.

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16,583. I understand you to say that you are not aware of any money having come down, and being expended either by way of distribution amongst any voters, or by persons of influence in the borough, or in any other way beyond what is mentioned in that account?—No.

16,584. I understand you to say that you do not believe any money beyond what is mentioned in the account was expended?—I do not believe it, and I have never heard in any shape or form that anybody ever received anything, nor do I believe that any money came.

16,585. There is an item of "Printing and posting, 28l.," what would that be for. I suppose there would be advertisements in the newspapers?—Yes; and likewise there was a general meeting, and there was a special edition of the paper, and there were printed addresses, and "return thanks," and so on.

16,586. Then "Hotel accounts, 27l. 10s.;" how long were the candidates down here?—That occurred in this way:—Mr. Hugessen and Mr. Brassey wished to come to Deal, and it was thought better that one should be at one hotel, and another at another. I engaged the hotel of Mr. Denne for the day they were coming, but Mr. Denne said that Mr. Hugessen might want it again, and he would not allow it unless he had a guinea a day, and the same thing was done at the Queen's Hotel for Mr. Brassey.

16,587. A room was retained, you mean?—Yes, they were always at their service. Mr. Willoughby of the "Queen's" said he could not keep these rooms unless he was paid a guinea a day, and that it was always usual to be paid until the election was over.

16,588. Do you mean that he declined to abstain from

letting the room to anyone else unless the room was retained then?—Yes, quite so.

16,589. How much did each hotel get?—Mr. Willoughby, 13l. 18s. 6d., that is the "Queen's," and Mr. Denne of the "Star and Garter," 13l. 11s. 6d.

16,590. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How long was each candidate here?—I think they came twice.

15,591. For one night each time?—Yes, I think so; but the bills would show it. I was surprised that Mr. Denne's bill came to so little, because he met me and said he did not know how to make it out.

16,592. (*Mr. Turner.*) Do you know for how long the rooms were retained?—It was the day Mr. Hugessen and Mr. Brassey were coming down.

16,593. You say they came twice, what interval was there between their first and second visits?—I should think three or four days, but the rooms were to be charged throughout whether they were there or not.

16,594. (*Mr. Holl.*) I understand you to say that they refused to keep the rooms for them against they did come down, unless they were taken at once?—Yes, Mr. Willoughby especially. Mr. Denne did not say anything about it at first, but he did the next day.

16,595. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I see in each bill 10 guineas for these rooms is charged?—Yes; I suppose that would be the ten days.

16,596. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then there is "9l. 14s., Hancock," for carriages, what was that?—There were carriages at various times to go over to Sandwich.

16,597. Carriages for the candidates?—Yes, and I think upon the nomination day Mr. Edmund Brown and myself went over by carriage because it did not suit to go by train.

16,598. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Then "Agency," that is your fee I suppose?—Yes.

16,599. The fee is the same whether there is a contest or not?—Yes.

16,600. (*Mr. Holl.*) I understand you to say distinctly, as far as your knowledge goes, and as far as your belief goes, nothing whatever was spent at that election beyond what appears in this account?—Not anything.

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HENRY MINTER BAKER sworn and examined.

16,601. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you reside?—At Dover.

16,602. What are you?—Manager of wholesale grocery stores.

16,603. At Dover?—Yes.

16,604. Whose stores are they?—Mr. Dickenson's.

16,605. What money did you receive in connexion with this election?—Not any.

16,606. How came you to take part in this election?—I have got a vote at Sandwich.

16,607. How came you to take a part besides voting?—I drove a man from Dover named Hurrell, and when I went up to vote, not getting there until between 12 and 1 o'clock, Mr. Coleman asked me to go and look after a man named Wanstall of Fisher Street, Sandwich.

16,608. You drove Hurrell over from Dover?—Yes.

16,609. Was he a voter?—Yes.

16,610. What is his Christian name?—I do not know.

16,611. Did you give him any money?—Yes. I gave him 15s. or 20s., I cannot say within a shilling or two. I gave him 10s. going along the road, and during the afternoon he said that that was all gone, would I give him some more, and I do not know whether I gave him 7s., 8s., or 10s.

16,612. What is he?—He works at an iron foundry in Dover.

16,613. What iron foundry is that?—Mr. Stiff's.

16,614. Did you give him anything more?—No, I did not give him more than 20s.

16,615. You gave him 10s. in the morning?—Yes.

16,616. You drove him over from Dover?—Yes, and back.

16,617. What was the 10s. for, for coming over to vote?—Yes.

16,618. And during the day you gave him 5s. or 10s. more?—Yes.

16,619. Is that all you gave him?—Yes.

16,620. Then you got over here, and you say Coleman asked you to look after a man named Wanstall?—Yes.

16,621. What did you give Wanstall?—I did not give him anything.

16,622. What did you do with him?—Coleman asked

me to go and look after him, he said he was already paid and would I go and see if he polled.

16,623. Did you go?—Yes.

16,624. Did you not give anything to Wanstall?—No.

16,625. Nothing at all?—No. Then I said to Mr. Coleman, "Suppose I spend a little money shall I get it back again," and he said, "Yes." I had 10l. or 12l. in my pocket and I spent that, and then I went and borrowed 30l. off a friend of mine in Sandwich.

16,626. To whom did you pay the 10l. that you had in your pocket?—I gave a man named Pittock 4l. 10s.

16,627. Is that J. Pittock?—Yes.

16,628. To whom else did you give anything?—I paid a man named Hopkins 4l., and West 2l. 10s.

16,629. Is that Henry Hopkins?—I do not know.

16,630. Where does Hopkins live?—I do not know.

16,631. What is West's Christian name?—George.

16,632. Where does he live?—In Sandwich.

16,633. What is he?—That I do not know, a rag and bone man, I think.

16,634. You gave him 2l. 10s.?—Yes.

16,635. Who else did you pay?—A man named Epps 5l.

16,636. That is William Edwin Epps?—Yes.

16,637. Who else did you give any money to?—Ewell 5l.

16,638. What is his Christian name?—I think it is Henry, he lives at Ramsgate.

16,639. What is he?—I do not know. Then a man named Woods 3l.

15,640. What is his Christian name?—W. Woods.

16,641. Where does he live?—I do not know, he is a Sandwich voter.

16,642. What is he?—I do not know. Then a man named Howard a fly-driver, 3l.

16,643. Do you know his Christian name?—No.

16,644. Is he at Sandwich?—Yes. Then a man named Stokes 4l.

16,645. What is his Christian name?—I do not know, but he works for a market gardener there.

16,646. He is a Sandwich man?—Yes.
 16,647. Do you know where he lives?—No. Then a man named Matthews 30s.
 16,648. What is his Christian name?—John, I think.
 16,649. Do you know what he is?—A lath renderer.
 16,650. Do you know where he lives?—No.
 16,651. Is he a Sandwich man?—Yes, but he was at Dover at the time. Then there is another man who I do not know asked me to give him something, and I gave him 3l. or 4l. That is the list (*handing a paper*).
 16,652. About 36l. I make it?—Yes, 37l. or 38l. altogether.
 16,653. You gave 3l. or 4l. you say to some man you do not know?—Yes, I do not know his name.
 16,654. Do you know what he was?—No.
 16,655. Or where he lived?—No. He was a Sandwich man. Some one asked me to pay him as he had not voted yet.
 16,656. Do you know who he works for?—I rather fancy for Mr. Gillow the brewer, but I could not say, and I could not tell who it was asked me to pay him, and I not know whether I gave him 3l. or 4l. It was at half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
 16,657. Is this all the money you expended?—Yes, within a pound or two.
 16,658. How was the other pound or two spent?—In liquor and that.
 16,659. You treated some people, I suppose?—Yes. It would not come to a pound or two, 12s. or 15s. I had a glass of wine myself.
 16,660. I may take it that each of these sums were paid to these people for their votes?—Yes.
 16,661. Is that all that you expended including the 15s. or 20s. that you expended in liquor?—Yes.
 16,662. It is all that you expended?—Yes, every penny.
 16,662a. That you are sure of?—Yes, quite certain.
 16,663. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you live at Dover?—Yes.
 16,664. Had you been over here upon the affairs of the election before the polling day?—I was there upon the Monday but not upon the election affairs. I was at Sandwich but it had nothing to do with the election.
 16,665. Did you do anything in connexion with the election; did you canvass or do anything of that kind?—No.
 16,666. You were over at Sandwich upon other business?—Yes.
 16,667. Did anybody ask you to come over, or ask you to help upon the election morning?—No.

WILLIAM NETHERSOLE sworn and examined.

16,686. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A farmer.
 16,687. Where do you live?—34, High Street. Deal.
 16,688. What had you to do with this election; did you take an active part in it?—I did to a certain extent, but not with regard to canvassing, or anything of that kind. When Mr. Crompton Roberts and his lady came into the town I went round with Mr. Crompton Roberts, and a friend of theirs, and introduced them to the gentry in the neighbourhood, as I am pretty well known, and I also went once, I think, with Mr. Crompton Roberts, and introduced him to two or three gentlemen in the neighbourhood. I went with Mrs. Crompton Roberts through certain portions of the town, and she left Mr. Crompton Roberts' private card at the different houses, because she did not think Mr. Crompton Roberts would have time to call on all. That is all I had to do with the election. I took the chair at a public meeting, and so on, but nothing else.
 16,689. Do I understand you to say that you did not canvass yourself?—No.
 16,690. Had you anything to do with the money matters of the election?—No.
 16,691. Did you not expend any money yourself upon the election?—No.
 16,692. You did not pay any money to any voters?—No.
 16,693. You had nothing to do with the expenses of the election?—No, nothing whatever; it was all in the hands of Mr. Hughes. I did not have anything to do

16,668. Where is it that you have a vote, Sandwich, Deal, or Walmer?—Sandwich.
 16,669. And you went over simply to vote?—Yes, intending to go away again within half an hour.
 16,670. And you met Mr. Coleman?—Yes.
 16,671. You knew Mr. Coleman before?—Yes.
 16,672. Did Mr. Coleman ask you to go and canvass?—No.
 16,673. Who suggested to you to go and give money to these people?—I asked Mr. Coleman myself if I spent any money should I get it back again and he said "Yes."
 16,674. And off you went. How came you to give money to these particular people?—The first man I met was a man named Pittock, and I said, "Have you voted yet," he said "No," and I said, "Would you vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid," and he said "I do not know."
 16,675. He was a man you had known before?—Yes.
 16,676. Had you known all these people before?—Yes, except one or two I had.
 16,677. You simply went round, and picked up anybody that you knew?—Yes.
 16,678. With regard to the one or two that you did not know, how did you find them out?—Someone introduced me to them; a man named Stokes introduced me to one or two.
 16,679. A man to whom you had given 4l. introduced you to others?—Pittock introduced me to Hopkins; I did not know Hopkins before.
 16,680. The man that you do not know, to whom you gave 3l. or 4l., you think worked for Mr. Gillow?—Yes, I think so; I cannot remember who it was asked me to pay him.
 16,681. Can you tell me how you came to pay him?—No, I cannot; it was outside the committee room, and there were a dozen people round him; they said the man had not voted, and some one said, "Have you got the money," and I said, "Yes, here you are," and gave him 3l. or 4l., I cannot say which.
 16,682. There was a little knot of people outside the committee room?—Yes.
 16,683. And you gave the money to this man standing outside upon the pavement with everybody looking on?—Yes, that is so.
 16,684. You do not know his name?—No.
 16,685. You did not know whether he was a voter?—No, I did not; I took other people's word for it; he might not have been for what I knew.

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with the election after the first day; the matter was put into the hands of Mr. Hughes, and I had nothing further to do with it.

16,694. You mean Mr. Edwin Hughes, the agent?—Yes, the gentleman who came down to undertake matters for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

16,695. You were chairman of one of the committees?—No, I took the chair at a public meeting. I was formerly chairman, but I resigned sometime previous to the general election.

16,696. You cannot give us any information as to the money expended at the election?—No.

16,697. As to money given to voters by persons who had money sent to them to distribute?—No.

16,698. Nothing at all?—No.

16,699. Nothing beyond what you have told us?—No, and I never canvassed either in this election, or any previous election, because I cannot bear the idea of it.

16,700. Did you know yourself of any money being distributed?—I was not aware of it. I have been away in Scotland the last fortnight, and I was perfectly astonished upon arriving last night to hear the accounts that have been disclosed here.

16,701. Do you know Captain Hesketh?—Yes, by sight.

16,702. Do you know where he is?—No. I am very little in the town, because my business calls me away into the country. I know very little of the town really although I reside here.

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16,703. (Mr. Turner.) You were the election agent for Sandwich and Walmer at the unopposed election?—No, for Sandwich.

16,704. Is that the return of the expenses incurred at Sandwich at that election (*handing a paper*)?—Yes, that is the return to which I was a party.

16,705. We have heard Mr. Brown's account this morning as to the circumstances under which he certified it. There is an item, "Bell Hotel, 24l. 10s. 1d.," how was that incurred?—I think it was a luncheon after the election by the members themselves after they returned from the hall, and I think the staff and committee joined in the lunch. There was also some lunch consumed in another room at which not only ourselves but any friends of Mr. Hugessen and Mr. Brassey joined. It was simply a lunch, and we joined in it.

16,706. That was after the election was over?—Yes, before they went away to London.

16,707. Then, "Carriage hire, 11l. 16s. 6d."?—Yes, that was for one bill at Sandwich, I think, and one bill at Walmer.

16,708. For the use of the candidates?—Yes, they were down a few days before, and they had carriages themselves in going to Walmer, and calling about upon their friends.

16,709. Then there is your fee as agent for Mr. Hugessen?—Yes I received 100l.

16,710. And from Mr. Brassey ditto?—Yes.

16,711. Is that the usual fee?—I stand in a particular position. I have had communications to make for the last six years, and I am always standing in the position of perhaps not agent, but a friend, whose services are acknowledged when the opportunity presents itself. There was no agreement.

16,712. Was all this money *bona fide* expended upon the unopposed election?—Yes, it was.

16,713. Were there any other moneys expended, which you know of, besides this?—No.

16,714. None whatever?—No.

16,715. Either by you or by anybody else that you know of?—No, none whatever. There is one thing that I wish to correct to-day. I was asked by the court, I think, upon the first day of my examination, or my second examination it may be, whether the 1874 election was a pure election, and I answered that it was, but when I was asked that question, Mr. Jeune, I think it was, who asked it of me, I was under the impression that I was being examined in reference to the 1880 election, and my answer was given in reference to that. I want to put myself right upon the point. It appears that I misunderstood the question, and when I said it was a pure election I thought that the question referred to the 1880 election instead of the 1874 election.

16,716. Do you consider that a pure election?—I said it was, but my answer was in reference to the 1880 election.

16,717. You say now that the uncontested election of 1880 was a pure election?—Yes.

16,718. You do not wish to state now your belief that the election of 1874 was a pure election?—No, I do not do that. It must be remembered that I only represented one part of the borough, and it would have been perfectly absurd for me to have said anything of the sort as to Deal or Walmer.

16,719. (Mr. Holl.) Was there any arrangement or agreement that you should have 100l. from each candidate?—No, none whatever.

16,720. No promise of that if you would make things smooth?—No, nothing of the kind.

16,721. Are you aware of anything being spent at that election beyond what is mentioned in this account?—No, I do not know of any.

16,722. What is your present recollection with regard to the day upon which you received the 200l.?—I have been thinking of that, and to the best of my belief it was upon the Friday. I think the money came down upon the Friday, and that was the day before the nomination. Sir Julian Goldsmid in his examination said that it was upon the Saturday, but it could not have been upon the Saturday, simply because it was the day of nomination, and we were all of us engaged together until we returned to Deal in the afternoon at half-past 3, and, therefore, it is impossible that I could have seen anyone upon the Saturday, and, as I have already said, I believe it was upon the Friday.

16,723. How did that money come into your possession; tell us what occurred when it came down?—Simply this, that it was handed out before me and Mr. Edwards, and he took so much, and I took the other.

16,724. Where did you first see the person; did anyone bring the person who brought the money?—No, not at all, I met him at the station. Sir Julian Goldsmid stated in his statement here that Mr. Edwards did so, but that was an inaccuracy. It was I who met this gentleman at the station, and he returned with me to my office in a fly. Mr. Edwards happened to be coming to me upon that morning in the ordinary course of business, and he was present, and the money was divided in that way. I was asked what I wanted, and I said, "Give me what you like." I had 200l. at all events.

16,725. The person who met Mr. Foord at the station was yourself?—Yes.

16,726. How came you to go to meet Mr. Foord?—It must have been intimated to me by Sir Julian Goldsmid. I can hardly recollect how it was, but I can recollect Sir Julian Goldsmid stated that he did not like being appealed to so frequently for money or cheques, and he said, "I must make some arrangements with my friends to provide the money," and as he told you the other day he met Mr. Belsey, and it was arranged then, and after that I must have had a message from Sir Julian Goldsmid, or an intimation, and I went to the station expecting to meet this gentleman, and he did come, and returned with me to my office.

16,727. In fact, your recollection is, that any intimation to meet this gentleman was to you, and not to Mr. Edwards?—Mr. Edwards brought it about by asking for money, and Sir Julian Goldsmid said he did not like being asked for money, and he said, "I must make some arrangements about it;" in fact, he was annoyed about it, and when Mr. Belsey came down to the meeting he arranged with him to supply this money through his friends. I think that was the real solution of it. I must have heard of it through Sir Julian Goldsmid, and I went to meet this gentleman accordingly.

16,728. You remember Sir Julian Goldsmid told us that his recollection was that he directed Mr. Edwards to go to the station, but you say that is not so?—It could not have been so.

16,729. The intimation was to you to go to the station?—Yes, and I did go.

16,730. And you think that you got that intimation from Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes; I do not think anybody else could have conveyed it.

16,731. (Mr. Jeune.) Sir Julian Goldsmid or somebody must have told you the exact train by which the money was coming?—Yes, very probably. I should think he must, because I went to meet a particular train. I state this positively, that I had no written communication from anyone, and I can only suppose that Sir Julian Goldsmid must have told me himself, or I must have had a message to say that this gentleman would come down by the mid-day train.

16,732. It was a peculiar occurrence, you see; does not your recollection go further than that?—No, not at all. I came over here every day in the afternoon, and very probably Sir Julian Goldsmid might have said to me in passing, "You will receive that money to-morrow," or something of that kind. I cannot bring my mind to recollect how it was. There was no particular conversation with regard to it that I recollect at all.

16,733. You really cannot recollect how it was that you came to go to the train at a particular time to meet a man with money?—No, I cannot. I did not know what amount the money was, or anything of the kind.

16,734. How did you know what man to look out for at the station, were you told?—No, not at all, and I did not in the slightest know.

16,735. Because it strikes one as a little vague?—I would look so, but we know a stranger when he arrives at our station, and I saw this stranger arrive, and I looked at me, and I looked at him.

16,736. Your looks met, and you understood each other?—It must have been something of that sort.

16,737. Then what did he say, do you remember?—I think he said, "Mr. Emmerson;" I said, "Yes, he," "you come to see me?" and he said, "Yes." That was all that passed; there was nothing more, and we got into the carriage immediately.

16,738. It was accidental that Mr. Edwards was at your office?—Yes, quite; he came on professional business.

and it was so uncertain whether anyone would arrive, that he had, I think, started or was about to start to return home.

16,739. Did Mr. Foord say he was bringing the money to you or to Mr. Edwards?—He did not state it at all.

16,740. He simply said, "Here is the money"?—He said, "I have got some money," that is all.

16,741. Did he not say to whom he was to deliver it?—No, not at all.

GEORGE WILLIAM MOON sworn and examined.

16,746. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A pilot.

16,747. Where do you live?—Victoria Road.

16,748. How much did you receive in connexion with this election?—12*l.*

16,749. From whom?—Mr. Olds.

16,750. Was that to distribute amongst voters for their votes?—Yes, four voters, 3*l.* each.

16,751. Did you distribute it?—Yes.

16,742. It was gold, in a bag?—Yes, not a common bag, but one of those travelling bags, a portmanteau in fact.

16,743. A little hand portmanteau?—Yes.

16,744. He did not say to whom he was to deliver the money?—Not at all.

16,745. Did he say who had told him to deliver the money?—No, I do not recollect that he did. I am under the impression that he said that he and other friends had provided this money. That is what I understood.

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16,752. Have you got a list?—Yes (*handing a paper*).

16,753. Did you pay 3*l.* to each of these men whose names you have handed in for their votes?—Yes.

16,754. Did you receive anything more?—No.

16,755. Not from anyone?—No, nothing.

16,756. Did you pay anything more away to anyone excepting those four men?—No.

FREEMAN JOHN THOMPSON sworn and examined.

16,757. (*Mr. Holl.*) Are you the son of Henry William Thompson?—The grandson.

16,758. He lives at 5, Alfred Square, Deal?—Yes.

16,759. Your grandfather is a voter?—Yes.

16,760. Is that in his handwriting (*handing a paper*)?—Yes.

16,761. Did he authorise you to bring that to the Commissioners?—Yes.

16,762. It runs thus, "5, Alfred Square, Deal, "October 20th, 1880. I, Henry William Thompson, "hereby declare that I received from Mr. Ramell, "grocer, the sum of 5*l.* to vote for Goldsmid, I being "unable to walk to attend the Court myself not being "out of doors for nearly a month. Henry W. Thompson." Is that true, he is unable to attend, is he?—Yes.

F. J.
Thompson.

LAVINA WOODING sworn and examined.

16,763. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is your husband's name?—James Harris Wooding.

16,764. Where does he live?—Jews' Harp Alley.

16,765. A summons was served at his house?—Yes, this day week.

16,766. Was he at home then?—Yes.

16,767. Do you know whether he received it; did he see it?—Yes, I gave it to him.

16,768. When did you last see him?—When he had his dinner, last Wednesday.

16,769. That was upon the same day the summons came?—Yes.

16,770. And you have not seen him since?—No.

16,771. What is he?—A bootmaker.

16,772. Do you know of any reason for his going away except the fact of the summons being served upon him?—None at all.

16,773. You do not know at all where he is?—No.

16,774. Did your husband, to your knowledge, receive anything for his vote?—He did not say anything to me about it.

16,775. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You know, do not you?—I asked him at the time, and he told me to mind my own business.

16,776. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did he vote?—I do not know.

L. Wooding.

ALEXANDER RILEY sworn and examined.

16,777. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.

16,778. Where do you live?—127, Beach Street.

16,779. Have you just returned?—Yes.

16,780. What did you receive in connexion with this election?—5*l.*

16,781. From whom?—Mr. William Riley.

16,782. What is he?—A general dealer.

16,783. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

16,784. Did you keep it or distribute it to anyone else?—I kept it myself.

16,785. Did you receive any other money at all?—Yes; 5*l.* for Simeon Willey from Mr. Outwin.

16,786. You received it from Outwin for Willey?—Yes.

16,787. You gave it to him for his vote?—Yes.

16,788. Did you receive anything else?—No.

16,789. Did you pay anything else to anyone?—No.

A. Riley.

WILLIAM TRIGG recalled and further examined.

16,790. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you canvass with Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes.

16,791. Do you remember whether you went to the house of Mr. Loyns?—Yes.

16,792. Did you and Sir Julian canvass him?—I went in with Sir Julian to the shop.

16,793. Did you canvass him for his vote?—Sir Julian did.

16,794. Did you hear what took place?—We went into the grocer's shop, and Sir Julian passed through into the draper's shop. I heard Sir Julian speaking to him, and when Sir Julian came out he told me he had promised, and I marked in the book "promised."

16,795. You did not hear what took place?—I heard talking, but I did not catch the words distinctly. Mr. Loyns does not speak out.

16,796. Sir Julian Goldsmid came out and told you that Loyns had promised?—Yes, he said he had promised, and I marked him in the book as promised.

16,797. Do you know whether at that time any of the children had blue colours on?—He is a neighbour of mine, and a friend too; am I obliged to answer it all?

16,798. Yes, you must answer it?—Yes, some of the

children had blue on, and the house, before Sir Julian canvassed. I cannot say that all had blue on, because I cannot say how many children there are; he has several like myself. I have got 11.

16,799. After you had canvassed him, did he say anything to you about whether he could vote for Sir Julian or not?—No, I never spoke to him after that.

16,800. Did he say anything to you?—No, not afterwards; in fact we looked at one another rather shy after that.

16,801. Why was that?—Because a Tory flag came out of the window.

16,802. Was that after you had canvassed him?—Yes.

16,803. Did he say anything to you about having had an order from Mr. Roberts?—No.

16,804. Nothing of that kind?—No, I never spoke to him. I have spoken to him since, but I did not speak for several weeks after that.

16,805. Nothing was said to you about his having had an order from Mr. Roberts, and therefore he could not vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Mr. Loyns never said to me anything about it, but it had been the talk about the

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20 Oct. 1880. place, and we pretty well knew it; but Mr. Loyns never told me, nor Mrs. Loyns.
16,806. He never said anything to you about it?—No, nor Mrs. Loyns.
16,807. Who did you hear talk about it?—Just the

people up there. Mr. Rose, and people at work there, we heard talking about it.

16,808. Do you know whether you or anybody else said anything to anyone that came down from Mr. Lewis about that?—No, Mr. Lewis did not call upon me.

J. E. Harvey.

JAMES EDWARD HARVEY sworn and examined.

16,809. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A butcher.
16,810. Where do you live?—25, Victoria Road, Deal.
16,811. Did you receive anything during the election?—I received 3*l*.

16,812. From whom?—Mr. Spears.

16,813. Was that for your vote?—Well, yes.

16,814. Anything more?—No.

16,815. Nothing more at all?—No.

G. E. Porter.

GEORGE EDWARD PORTER recalled and further examined.

16,816. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You know Mr. George Simpson?—Yes.

16,817. You gave him 1*l*. for his vote?—No, I canvassed him, and he asked me whether there would be anything, and I said I did not know. He said, "I am rather in difficulties;" "Oh," I said, "what is it you want," and he said, "Could you lend me 1*l*." and I said "Yes."

16,818. And you lent him 1*l*.?—Yes.

16,819. Has he paid it back?—He promised me his vote, and went to Mr. Rea to get 2*l*., and Mr. Rea says "You have had 1*l*. off Mr. Porter, and that leaves you only 2*l*. to come." I did not recollect that when I was here before.

16,820. You treated that, not as a loan, but as a gift for his vote?—Yes, it must have been so.

16,821. From whom did Mr. Simpson afterwards receive the 2*l*.?—I suppose from Mr. Rea. I was not there when he received it.

16,822. Do you know where it was that Mr. Simpson got the 2*l*.?—No, I was not there at the time.

16,823. Mr. Simpson says that he received the sum of 2*l*. at the "Fountain Hotel"?—That is Mr. Rea's house.

16,824. Did you introduce Mr. Simpson to Mr. Rea?—Mr. Rea was with me at the time when we were canvassing.

16,825. You did not pay the 2*l*. yourself?—No, I never had no money to pay. Mr. Rea had the money.

16,826. Did you see Mr. Rea pay the 2*l*.?—No.

16,827. Mr. Simpson says that he received 1*l*. from you and Mr. Rea, and that afterwards he received a sum of 2*l*. on the day of the election from an agent at the "Fountain Hotel," to whom you introduced him; who was that person?—Mr. Rea; there was no other person.

16,828. You are quite sure there was nobody else?—I am not aware of it. I was not there when he got the 2*l*.

16,829. Mr. Rea paid a great many voters upon that day at the "Fountain," did he not?—Yes.

16,830. You do not know of anybody else who could have paid that money to Simpson, except Rea?—No, not to my knowledge. After that a man of the name of Trapps insulted me, and wanted 2*l*. more, and I thought it very hard.

W. Dunn.

WILLIAM DUNN sworn and examined.

16,831. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a cripple now, but I have been a labourer.

16,832. Where do you live?—No. 1, Upper Deal Terrace.

16,833. Did you receive any money at the election?—3*l*.

16,834. From whom?—Mr. Wood.

16,835. For your vote?—Yes.

16,836. Did you receive anything more?—No.

16,837. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive anything from Minter?—No, from no one else.

J. A. Jacobs.

JAMES ALFRED JACOBS sworn and examined.

16,838. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A grocer.

16,839. In Deal?—In Sandwich.

16,840. Did you receive any money?—No.

16,841. Did you canvass at all during the election?—Well I did canvass second hand two or three, but someone had been there before me. I was not a successful canvasser in any way.

16,842. Did you treat at all?—No, not a farthing.

16,843. Did you promise anybody any money?—Nothing, not a farthing.

16,844. Did you have anything to do with money either treating them or promising?—No, nothing.

16,845. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you canvass at all?—I did canvass one or two.

16,846. Did you go canvassing by yourself or with anybody else?—There were two or three names ticked off for me; one was a man named Burley, a tanner, whom I called on, and he told me that he had promised to Mr. Coleman. Another one was an old man named Oldmans, who is dead; he is being buried to-day I think. He said he should vote for Sir Julian Goldsmid but I believe he voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

16,847. But did you go canvassing by yourself, or with anyone?—By myself.

16,848. And you say you did not offer anybody any money?—No.

16,849. And were you asked by anyone to give them anything?—No.

16,850. How many did you canvass?—I think there was three only.

16,851. No more?—No.

16,852. Do you know of any money being given for votes at Sandwich?—Only by hearsay and what I have read.

16,853. By hearsay do you know of anybody having given money other than those who have been here yet?—No.

16,854. You are sure you do not?—I am sure I do not.

16,855. Have you heard of anybody being promised money other than those who have appeared here hitherto?—No.

16,856. Are you sure?—I do not think so. They seem to be all promised. I could not think of any one that is not promised scarcely.

16,857. You think they were all promised, do you?—Yes; a few hundreds were not promised, but I cannot call to mind the few hundred names.

16,858. I will put it the other way, do you know of anybody who promised money other than those we have had before us as yet?—Any agent, do you mean?

16,859. No. Have you heard of anybody promising money in Sandwich other than those we have had before us as yet?—No.

W. Gillow.

WILLIAM GILLOW sworn and examined.

16,860. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you live at Sandwich?—No, Woodnesboro'.

16,861. Is that near Sandwich?—Yes, about a mile and a half.

16,862. You are a brewer, I think?—I have a brewery in Sandwich, I am not a brewer, my son is my brewer.

16,863. And I think you own houses in Sandwich?—Yes.

16,864. How many public-houses do you own?—Four or five, I cannot give it exactly for the moment.

16,865. Did you take any part in the election?—Very little indeed.

16,866. Did you canvass?—I might have canvassed three or four.

16,867. Did you give anybody any money?—No.

16,868. Are you sure?—Yes; not a penny.

16,869. Did you treat at all?—I might have spent about 2s. or 3s. in a glass of sherry, or something of that sort, but not exactly for their vote.

16,870. And you say you canvassed three or four people?—Yes, I canvassed three or four I should think.

16,871. Who did you canvass?—I canvassed Mr. Drayson for one.

16,872. And who else?—On Saturday night I saw a person named Kenton, a person about my own age. I was standing at the door of the "Fleur-de-Lis"—Mr. Roberts had a meeting there—and I said to Kenton, "Well, Kenton, are you going to vote for us." I had known him all my life, as he worked for my father and me the greater part of my younger life. I met him as a labourer I had known for some time, and I spoke to him.

16,873. I daresay you have read what Kenton has said?—Yes, I saw it this morning.

16,874. Kenton has said you told him he should have a present?—I think he has made a mistake. I do not think I said so.

16,875. Kenton has pledged his oath to it; do you pledge your oath to it?—I might have said so, but I do not think I did. I beg his pardon, but I think he has made a mistake. I do not say I did not say so—it was done in a moment. I was at the bottom of the stairs, and Mr. Roberts came down, and I was introduced to him about that time. I do not know whether I promised or not. I do not think I did, because I intended to have nothing to do with the election. It was on the Saturday night before the election.

16,876. You see Kenton pledged his oath one way;

are you prepared to pledge your oath the other?—I will not be prepared to pledge it, for I might have done so.

16,877. Was there anybody else you promised in the same sort of way?—No.

16,878. Might you have done so?—No.

16,879. Will you say you did not?—I will say I did not.

16,880. You pledge your oath you did not?—I do not think I did. My recollection does not tell me at this moment that I did.

16,881. I want you, if you can, to go a little further than that?—I do not intend to stop at that point—of saying that I think I did so, but in that case I cannot give you a decided answer.

16,882. I am dropping that case for a moment, just put Kenton on one side and take the other people you canvassed, can you say you did not make them promises or offers for their vote?—I can say I did not.

16,883. Can you say that positively?—Yes.

16,884. Did you provide any money for the purpose of the election?—No.

16,885. Your son's money was his own?—Yes, as far as I know.

16,886. You did not provide that money for him?—Not a penny, he had no money from me.

16,887. Did you provide for anyone else?—No, I spent no money at the election.

16,888. Directly or indirectly?—No.

16,889. Did you receive any money for the purpose of handing it on to anybody else?—Not a penny. I had very little to do with the election.

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BENJAMIN PARKER sworn and examined.

B. Parker.

16,890. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A publican.

16,891. Where at?—Sandwich.

16,892. What is the name of your house?—The "Red Lion."

16,893. What money did you receive during the election?—I received 5*l.* from Mr. Nowers.

16,894. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so. Nothing was mentioned about my vote.

16,895. Did you receive anything else?—I had 10*s.* to give the men allowance for putting the poles up.

16,896. And anything else?—My wife received 5*l.* for a committee room.

16,897. What use was made of your committee room?—For putting up papers principally.

16,898. No committee was held there, I suppose?—No.

16,899. It was simply used for putting papers up?—Yes, putting up all they brought.

16,900. Did you receive any other money but those sums you have mentioned?—No.

16,901. Did you give or promise any money to Charles Long?—Yes.

16,902. How much did you get?—5*l.*

16,903. Who did you get that from?—Mr. Nowers.

16,904. Did Mr. Nowers give you 5*l.* to give to Charles Long?—Yes.

16,905. Was that for his vote?—I suppose so; there was no mention about the vote.

16,906. Did you place the 5*l.* on a beer barrel?—Not to my knowledge; I gave it him in his hand, I believe.

16,907. Did you have anything from young Mr. Gillow?—No.

16,908. Did you get anything more to bribe anybody else with?—I had to hand three parties the money from Mr. Nowers.

16,909. Who were they?—Long, Pay, and Hull.

16,910. Are their names John Pay and William Hull?—Yes; I believe there is some little misunderstanding; I think Hull told you Nowers gave him the money; but it was left with me, because he was not present.

GEORGE BRETT sworn and examined.

G. Brett.

16,911. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A master mariner.

16,912. Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.

16,913. What did you receive?—8*l.*

16,914. Who from?—3*l.* from Lock and 5*l.* from Mr. Nowers.

16,915. Was the 3*l.* from Lock for your vote?—I suppose so.

16,916. And was the 5*l.* from Nowers for your vote?—As far as I know; he did not say what it was for.

16,917. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

JOHN PAY sworn and examined.

J. Pay.

16,918. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A labourer.

16,919. Where do you live?—In Sandwich.

16,920. But whereabouts in Sandwich?—Strand Street.

16,921. What money did you receive?—5*l.*

16,922. Who from?—Benjamin Parker.

16,923. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

16,924. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing.

RICHARD HOILE sworn and examined.

R. Hoile.

16,925. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A labourer.

16,926. Where do you live?—Strand Street, Sandwich.

16,927. What money did you receive?—I received 5*l.* from Mr. East.

16,928. And what else?—5*l.* from Mr. Nowers.

16,929. Both in payment for your vote?—I suppose they were; they did not say.

16,930. Did you receive anything else?—No.

16,931. From nobody?—No.

GEORGE LOCK recalled and further examined.

G. Lock.

16,932. (Mr. Holl.) You produce from a man named Charles Fagg a certificate that he is too ill to attend?—Yes.

16,933. It is signed by Thomas Holt; is he a surgeon at Sandwich?—Yes.

16,934. This is the certificate: "I certify that Charles Fagg is suffering from heart disease and is unfit to attend in Deal. (Signed) Thomas Holt, October 18th, 1880." Is this also signed by Charles Fagg, do you know?—I do not know his signature, but I should think

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not. It looks to me as though it was his daughter's signature; she brought it yesterday too late for the Court.
16,935. It was given to you to hand to the Court?—Yes.

W. Mantle.

WILLIAM MANTLE sworn and examined.

16,937. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A sawyer.
16,938. At Ramsgate?—Yes.
16,939. Where do you live at Ramsgate?—No. 4, Kent Villas.
16,940. Did you receive any money from anybody in this election?—I received 3*l.* from Mr. East at Sandwich for my expenses.
16,941. For your vote?—My expenses I should call it.
16,942. Your expenses from Ramsgate to Sandwich are not 3*l.*?—I have got a mate to pay there.

16,936. And this is his letter: "Gentlemen. As I am too ill to leave my house, I beg to say I did receive from Mr. Lock 3*l.* after I had given my vote for Mr. Roberts. I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, Charles Fagg."

16,943. How much had you to pay out of it?—1*l.*
16,944. What is the other 2*l.* for?—Myself.
16,945. For your vote?—I should fancy so; the 2*l.* is for myself for loss of time.
16,946. It was really for your vote, was it not?—I should fancy for my expenses; that is all I received.
16,947. We must fancy, too. Did you get anything else?—No, that is all I got.

G. Epps.

GEORGE EPPS sworn and examined.

16,948. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A basket maker.
16,949. At Ramsgate?—Yes.
16,950. Where do you live?—No. 2, Weeton Street.
16,951. What did you receive?—3*l.*

16,952. For your vote?—Yes.
16,953. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.
16,954. Who did you get your 3*l.* from?—Mr. Lock of Sandwich.

H. Ewell.

HENRY EWELL sworn and examined.

16,955. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A butcher.
16,956. At Ramsgate?—Yes.
16,957. Whereabouts?—49, King Street.
16,958. What did you receive?—8*l.*
16,959. Who from?—3*l.* from Lock and 5*l.* from Baker.

16,960. Each for your vote?—Yes.
16,961. Did you receive anything more?—No.
16,962. Is that the Mr. Baker we have heard of this morning?—Yes.

W. Osbourne.

WILLIAM OSBOURNE sworn and examined.

16,963. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A builder.
16,964. At Ramsgate?—Yes.
16,965. Whereabouts?—18, Belle Vue Road.
16,966. What did you receive?—3*l.*
16,967. Who from?—A corn merchant at Sandwich.

16,968. Is his name East?—No.
16,969. Hooper?—Yes, that is it.
16,970. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
16,971. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

R. Baker.

RICHARD BAKER sworn and examined.

16,972. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A cabinet maker.
16,973. At Ramsgate?—Yes.
16,974. What is your address?—33, Hardress Street.
16,975. What did you receive?—Nothing at all.
16,976. Nothing for your vote or your expenses?—Not a farthing.
16,977. Did you expend any money?—No, only my personal expenses when I went to Sandwich.
16,978. How much were your personal expenses?—By the rail.
16,979. How much was given?—Nothing at all.
16,980. You paid your own personal expenses?—Yes.
16,981. Did you have anything promised you?—No, only 5*s.* for the railway train going there.
16,982. That was all?—Yes, that was all.

16,983. Nothing else?—Nothing else.
16,984. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who promised you that?—Mr. Woodruff in Ramsgate; there was 5*s.* allowed for every one that went for expenses for travelling.
16,985. Did you have anything from Mr. Hughes?—No nothing at all.
16,986. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you know Mr. W. J. Hughes?—No.
16,987. Is there any other Richard Baker at Ramsgate besides you?—Not as I know of.
16,988. Or R. Baker, Robert Baker?—Not that I am aware of.
16,989. Well there is some mistake; we are sorry to have brought you here?—I suppose you will allow me my expenses?
(*Mr. Holl.*) You must apply to the secretary for that

A. W. Rigden.

ALFRED WILLIAM RIGDEN sworn and examined.

16,990. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A plumber and painter.
16,991. At Sandwich?—Yes, High Street, Sandwich.
16,992. What did you receive?—9*l.*
16,993. How did you get it?—6*l.* from Hughes and 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper.
16,994. Was that from Mr. Hughes the grocer?—Yes.
16,995. Were those sums for your vote?—No.
16,996. Who for?—3*l.* for Mr. Hull of Sandwich, and 3*l.* for William Pidduck.
16,997. That was the 6*l.* you got from Hughes?—Yes;

and the 3*l.* from Mr. Hooper was for Thomas Friend, whom you had here yesterday.

16,998. You were to distribute the money?—Yes, I canvassed those, and had the money from Hughes, 6*l.*, and 3*l.* from Hooper. Mr. Hull was here yesterday, and said he got it from Mr. Hughes, but I received it from Mr. Hughes for him.

16,999. Did you receive anything more?—No.
17,000. Nothing on your own account?—No.
17,001. Did you expend any money in treating?—Nothing.

W. Beck.

WILLIAM BECK sworn and examined.

17,002. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A publican.
17,003. At Sandwich?—Yes.
17,004. What is your house?—The "Bell and Anchor."
17,005. Did you receive any money in this election?—Yes.

17,006. How much?—5*l.* for a room, and 2*l.* from Mr. Hughes.
17,007. What was that for, to distribute?—Yes.
17,008. And did you distribute it?—Yes.
17,009. Have you got the list of those whom you distributed it to?—Yes (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

17,010. I see it was seven men at 3*l.* each, was it?—
Yes.
17,011. Are you yourself one of those seven?—No.
17,012. I see one was at Ramsgate, Thomas Kingsford?
Yes.
17,013. That 3*l.* each was for their votes?—I suppose
so.
17,014. And you had 5*l.* for a committee room?—Yes.

17,015. Was it used at all?—No, only as a posting
place for bills; that is all.
17,016. There were no meetings there?—No.
17,017. Did you have anything for your own vote?—
No.
17,018. And no other moneys than that?—None
whatever.

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WILLIAM WOOLNOUGH sworn and examined.

W. Woolnough.

17,019. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—An engineer.
17,020. Of Sandwich?—Yes.
17,021. What is your address?—Delph Street.
17,022. What did you receive?—Nothing.
17,023. Did you distribute any money?—No.
17,024. Had you anything to do with the money?—No.
17,025. Did you treat anybody?—No.
17,026. Did you canvass at all?—No.
17,027. Did you take any part whatever in the elec-
tion?—No.

17,028. Did you promise anything to anybody?—
No.

17,029. (*Mr. Holl.*) You had nothing to do with any
money connected with the election, either receiving it,
or paying it, or promising it?—No.

(*Mr. Holl.*) Then you have had some information,
probably, which is erroneous.

67,030. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You cannot tell us any fact that
will interest us?—I cannot; I never took any interest in
it myself.

RICHARD BAKER recalled and further examined.

R. Baker.

17,031. (*Mr. Holl.*) You have some correction to make
in your evidence, have you not?—Yes; about the money
you were speaking of just now which perhaps I
ought to have named, that Mr. Hughes says he gave to
me. My brother will be here presently. Mr. Hughes
gave it to my brother for me, and when he offered it me,
of course, I refused it. I said to my brother, "When
did you make an application to Mr. Hughes on my
behalf." He said, "You were working in France at
the time and I thought it was my duty to intercede
to get your expenses." I told him I was very sorry
for that as I would look after my own business. He
laid the money down which of course, I refused to take,
and I left him with the money.

17,032. Do you know what became of it?—I under-
stood he said he should return it, or give it to my wife.
I said, "What will you give it to my wife for." He
said, "I shall not return it. Perhaps by giving it to
her it will influence you to vote on behalf of the
"Conservative candidate."

17,033. Did he give it to your wife?—Yes.

17,034. And she kept it?—And she kept it, but it
was unbeknown to me.

17,035. I daresay it had a little effect; you did not
object?—I told her she had no business to receive
it, and I said, not only that, I am a Liberal, and, of
course, I was going to vote for the Liberal cause.

17,036. Did you know your wife kept it?—I knew my
wife kept it afterwards.

17,037. And you did not insist on her returning it?—
I told her to return it.

17,038. But you knew she kept it?—She kept it, not
with my consent.

17,039. You did not ask her to give it to you to
enable you to return it?—I told her to return it.

17,040. But you did not ask her to give it you that
you might return it?—No, I did not ask her that. I
told her to return it to my brother.

17,041. And when you said to her, return it, you
knew she would not do that?—Of course I am not
answerable for her actions in that way.

17,042. If you wanted to return it, you would have
asked her for it, and have returned it yourself, and
you did not do that?—I told her to return it.

17,043. But you did not ask her to give you?—I
did not say to her place it in my hand to return it.

17,044. You knew perfectly well she would not return
it?—I did not.

17,045. I cannot help thinking you have not been
very candid with us?—I have been very candid.

17,046. In the first place, until the question arose
about your expenses, you kept it back altogether. You
kept it back altogether in the first instance. Then you

knew perfectly well Mr. Hughes had stated that he had
sent this money to you, and you knew that your wife
had had it. You kept all that back?—I did not know
that you wanted to hear anything about it. Of course I
spoke about it before I was offered the money.

17,047. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When you gave evidence just
now to us you knew perfectly well that your wife still
had that money?—When I gave my evidence I did, but
I was not asked the question.

17,048. You were asked whether you received any-
thing and you said no?—I have not received anything.

17,049. You knew when you said that that your wife
had?—Yes.

17,050. You knew all the time that this money we
were asking you about was the money which had been
sent to you by your brother, and which you knew your
wife had got and kept, and it was not until you were
told inquiry would be made before your expenses would
be paid that you disclosed the truth about this money
having been kept by your wife. It is a most unsatis-
factory statement?—I have spoken about it before I
received the money as I thought there was nothing
wrong. The question was not asked me at all. I
thought I ought to speak about it before I picked up
the money.

17,051. Although the question was not asked, you
knew perfectly well that your wife had kept, with your
knowledge, the very money you were being asked
about, and not a word about this was said by you until
you were told that further inquiry would be made with
respect to it, and then for the first time you make this
statement about your wife having had the money and
kept it. I think the way you have given your evidence
is extremely unsatisfactory?—It was quite an oversight
of mine. I spoke about it before receiving the money
in case there might be a flaw.

17,052. It is a sort of oversight nobody ought to
make. When you came here and were asked about
this money received from Mr. Hughes you knew all
the time that the money we were asking about had been
received by your wife and kept under the circumstances
you have stated?—Then I suppose I am to be considered
as accepting the bribe.

(*Mr. Holl.*) We will consider about what ought to be
done with regard to both you and your certificate.

17,053. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You must recollect this, nobody
gets a certificate unless they answer the questions truly?
—I believe I have answered every word truly.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) I have a very different opinion about
that. You can go away now, and you will be very
fortunate indeed if you do get your certificate; probably
you will not.

(*Mr. Holl.*) And you certainly will not get your
expenses.

H. Hopkins.

HENRY HOPKINS recalled and further examined.

17,054. (*Mr. Turner.*) Were you examined yesterday?
—Yes.
17,055. What did you receive?—3*l.*

17,056. And 4*l.* from Mr. Baker?—Yes.

17,057. So you got money from two people?—Yes.

D. Drayson.

DOUGLAS DRAYSON sworn and examined.

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- 17,058. (*Mr. Turner.*) I understand you are not a voter?—No, I am not.
 17,059. Did you take any interest in the election?—No.
 17,060. Did you canvass at all?—No.
 17,061. Did you receive any money to give anybody?—No.
 17,062. Did you treat anybody?—No.
 17,063. Had you anything to do with it at all?—No.
 17,064. Did not you canvass at all?—No.
 17,065. Is there another person of your name at Sandwich?—There are a great many Drayson's, but not another Douglas Drayson.
 17,066. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did not you canvass with Mr. Richard Gillow?—No.

- 17,067. Did not you go with him canvassing?—I am always a friend of his, but I did not canvass any one.
 17,068. Did you go with him when he was canvassing?—Not to my knowledge.
 17,069. (*Mr. Turner.*) You must remember surely?—No, I did no canvassing with Mr. Gillow in regard to the election.
 17,070. Do you know of anybody being promised anything, or receiving anything, in connexion with the election?—No, not at all.
 17,071. Nothing at all?—No.
 17,072. And you have not received anything for the purpose of distribution?—Not a penny.

W. Farrier.

WILLIAM FARRIER sworn and examined.

- 17,073. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A coal merchant.
 17,074. Where at?—Bowling Street, Sandwich.
 17,075. What did you receive?—5*l.*
 17,076. Who from?—Mr. Richard Gillow.
 17,077. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 17,078. Did you receive anything more?—No.
 17,079. Not from anyone?—No.

- 17,080. Did you receive that 5*l.* from Mr. Gillow yourself?—Yes.
 17,081. (*Mr. Jeune.*) That is from young Mr. Gillow?—Yes.
 17,082. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who actually gave you the money?—Mr. Richard Gillow.
 17,083. And that is all you received?—Yes.

C. Rolfe.

CHARLES ROLFE sworn and examined.

- 17,084. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A builder.
 17,085. Where do you live?—Sandwich.
 17,086. What did you receive?—Nothing.
 17,087. Not from anyone?—Not from anyone.
 17,088. Were you promised anything?—No.
 17,089. Did anybody canvass you?—Mr. Crompton Roberts only. He canvassed me.

- 17,090. No one else?—No.
 17,091. And you had no promise from anyone of any kind?—None whatever.
 17,092. Did you pay anything to anyone?—Not a farthing.

E. Brenchley.

EDWARD BRENCHLEY sworn and examined.

- 17,093. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 17,094. Where do you live?—Sandwich.
 17,095. What did you receive?—5*l.*
 17,096. Who from?—Mr. Gillow.

- 17,097. Mr. Richard Gillow?—Yes.
 17,098. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 17,099. Did you receive anything more?—No.
 17,100. Not from anyone?—No.

W. T. Twynam.

WILLIAM THOMAS TWYNAM sworn and examined.

- 17,101. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A blacksmith.
 17,102. Where do you live?—Eastby.
 17,103. What did you receive?—3*l.*

- 17,104. Who from?—Mr. Giles.
 17,105. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 17,106. Did you receive anything more?—No.

S. Olds.

SAMUEL OLDS recalled and further examined.

- 17,107. (*Mr. Holl.*) When you were here before you told us that you thought 1,000*l.* was the sum that you had received?—I could not give the amount, not counting it.
 17,108. But you told us you thought it was about 1,000*l.*?—Yes.
 17,109. I think you must have known it was a great deal more than that?—Well, I really could not tell at the time. It was gone so quick; I had no power of counting it.
 17,110. You gave Jones 33*l.*?—Yes.
 17,111. And Mackins 29*l.*?—Yes.
 17,112. Hayman 111*l.*?—Yes.
 17,113. Bushell 96*l.*?—I cannot say the exact amount.
 17,114. That is what he has told us?—No doubt that is right.
 17,115. Then, Horne 42*l.*?—Yes.
 17,116. Denne 72*l.*?—Yes.
 17,117. Wise 45*l.*?—Yes.
 17,118. Wood 81*l.*?—Yes.
 17,119. Philips 30*l.*?—Yes.
 17,120. Mackie 42*l.*?—Yes.
 17,121. Evans 87*l.*?—Yes.
 17,122. Porter and Rea 84*l.*?—Yes.
 17,123. Wilds 90*l.*?—Yes.
 17,124. J. J. Ralph 120*l.*?—Yes.
 17,125. J. Erridge 33*l.*?—Yes.
 17,126. Henry Spears 108*l.*?—Yes.
 17,127. License 51*l.*?—Yes.
 17,128. Barnes 12*l.*?—Yes.
 17,129. Worels 41*l.*?—Yes.

- 17,130. Myhill 15*l.*; that makes 1,224*l.*, besides the 480*l.* which we have heard went to Sandwich?—Yes.
 17,131. That is altogether 1,700*l.*?—Yes.
 17,132. Surely you must have known whether it was 1,000*l.* or 1,700*l.* you had?—I could not tell you; I have the bag in which it came in my pocket if you would like to see it.
 17,133. It is no use showing us the bag?—Here it is (*producing the same*).
 17,134. You must have known surely; it is very difficult to believe that you did not know whether you received 1,000*l.* or 1,700*l.*?—I told you I could not say whether there was 1,300*l.* or 1,500*l.*
 17,135. You said at one time it might have been 1,200*l.* or 1,300*l.*, but afterwards, when pressed upon it, you repeatedly told me you believed it was 1,000*l.*?—I could not tell; I could not count it. I am under the impression the man said 1,000*l.*, but I am not positive.
 17,136. It is nothing not to count the money, and not know whether there is 1,000*l.* or 1,100*l.*, but it seems very difficult to understand how you could possibly receive 1,700*l.*, and not know whether it was that sum or 1,000*l.*?—It went out in different amounts; that is where it was.
 17,137. That is true?—I had no time to check the amounts.
 17,138. Do you mean to tell us you really received this bag of money, and did not ascertain within 700*l.* how much you had received?—I could not; it went in lots.
 17,139. When you say you could not, you had nothing to do except either to count it, or keep some kind of record of how you distributed it. Surely you do not

mean to tell us you distributed all this 1,700*l.* and kept no account whatever either on paper or in your own mind, as to how much you had given away?—I had not the time; before one was gone another was there waiting, and sometimes five or six at a time.

17,140. That may be, but do you mean seriously to tell us you paid away 1,700*l.* without keeping any record at all as to how much you had given to each person?—I do.

17,141. Do you really mean that you adhere to your first statement that you do not know, beyond what I have told you, whether it was 1,000*l.* or 1,700*l.* that you had?—I really do not, or whether it was 2,000*l.* All I know is it was a bag of money. I did not count it, and had no means of counting it afterwards.

17,142. We cannot help thinking you must know more about this money, and the amount of it, than you have told us?—I really do not. I have tried to assist you all I can by getting the people to come forward, as I recollected them one by one, and state the amounts that they received.

WILLIAM GEORGE JOB sworn and examined.

17,152. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—10, Griffen Street.

17,153. What are you?—A mariner, a Channel pilot at the time of the election.

17,154. I think we have heard you came up from your lugger and voted?—Yes, quite right.

17,155. What did you get?—I got 32*l.* off Mr. Ralph.

17,156. What was your share?—3*l.* 5*s.* after deducting about 6*l.* for expenses. There were six men in the boat and we had a consultation whether we should come or not; we could not come without we all shared alike.

17,157. Did you get the 3*l.* 5*s.* after you voted or before?—We received it after we voted. We knew we would have it because Mr. Ralph sent for us and promised us it before we came home, promised it by his letter.

17,158. What did he say?—He said he would compensate us for coming home.

17,159. That was in the letter, was it?—Yes.

17,160. You came home by ship the whole way, not by train?—No, I came in a ship.

GEORGE MOCKETT PAIN sworn and examined.

17,170. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—4 Alexandra Cottages.

17,171. What is your occupation?—Master of the lugger, "Albert Victor."

17,172. You got a letter, did you not, asking you to come back and vote?—It was directed to me.

17,173. Who from?—George Ralph of the "Forrester's" Inn.

17,174. The last witness has told us Ralph said, "If you come back you will be compensated"?—Yes, and pay our expenses.

17,175. Did he tell you which way you were to come back and vote?—Either come by lugger or by rail, as we could not come home by the lugger we had to come home by rail.

17,176. Did he ask you to vote for anybody in particular?—No, he knew what our principles were.

17,177. You knew which side Mr. Ralph was?—Yes, and he knew our principles.

17,178. You knew what Mr. Ralph's views were and he knew what your views were?—Yes. I knew he was a blue and so was I.

17,179. Was the letter a printed letter?—No, a written letter.

17,180. Written all through in handwriting?—Yes.

17,181. And not printed or lithographed?—No, a written letter in an envelope.

17,182. And it was sent by Mr. Ralph?—Yes.

17,183. Did you receive the 32*l.*?—Yes, for me, the lugger, and the crew.

17,184. And you got that from Mr. Ralph?—Yes.

17,185. How was the sum of 32*l.* fixed?—6*l.* it cost us for expenses. We put in at the Isle of Wight to provision our lugger and that is where I received the letter. That cost us over 5*l.*, and it was all thrown away when we had to come home. It was like throwing it away for it was bought for us to seek for employment.

17,186. I suppose the provisions did just as well afterwards?—No; bread will not keep.

17,143. Do you not know more than you have told us already, if so tell us now, as to how and from whom this money came?—I do not.

17,144. Have you no idea?—I have no idea, not the remotest.

17,145. (*Mr. Turner.*) Who was the little man who brought it?—I do not know, he was a perfect stranger to me.

17,146. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do I understand you to say still that you have not any idea of who he was?—No, I have not.

17,147. Or who he came from?—I have not.

17,148. You have no idea at all?—None whatever.

17,149. Tell us candidly at once if you really do know?—I do not, he was a perfect stranger to me.

17,150. (*Mr. Turner.*) Have you heard anybody else express an opinion as to who he was?—No.

17,151. (*Mr. Holl.*) Or speak about him in any way?—Not at all.

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17,861. The whole way?—Not quite the whole way, I was close home.

17,162. How far?—About 20 miles.

17,163. Where did you land?—Deal.

17,164. Did not you vote in Deal?—I voted in Deal.

17,165. What were your expenses in coming home?—My expenses?

17,166. Yes?—My expenses were trifling. I got a ship and came home as Channel pilot. The compensation was for bringing the lugger home, there was no boats away at the time, and what we should have been likely to have got away.

17,167. You had no expenses out of pocket?—Not out of mine.

17,168. On the contrary you made something by bringing a ship up to Deal?—Yes, but I came in a ship where I should not be coming if I had not been coming home; it was rather a small turn.

17,169. Is that 3*l.* 5*s.* all you got?—Yes, that is all.

G. M. Pain.

17,187. Were they fresh provisions?—Yes; we do not eat salt when we are away, we get the best we can.

17,188. There was 6*l.* for that?—Yes.

17,189. How was the rest of the money fixed upon?—We made eight shares of what was left—26*l.*

17,190. Why was it 26*l.*; how came that sum to be fixed on?—Why, because we arranged so. We thought that was no more than compensation. I asked him for 40*l.*, which it did us out of 40*l.* I reckon, and he would only give us 32*l.*; that was for all of us.

17,191. You got as much for them as you could?—Yes.

17,192. And the outside he would give you was 32*l.*?—Yes, making eight shares of what we received, coming to 3*l.* 5*s.* each, six shares for the men in the boat, and two shares for the lugger.

17,193. What were your actual expenses besides the 6*l.*; you came by train, did you not?—Yes; that is included in the expenses. It cost us nearly 2*l.* We was two days going up from the Isle of Wight to Seaford; then we went ashore and stayed there the night, and came away by the first train in the morning, and got home here in the evening, and that cost me and Philpott nearly 2*l.*, with eating and travelling.

17,194. What day did you get the letter?—I cannot fix the day, but I should think it was four or five days before the election came off.

17,195. What day did you get here?—On the Monday evening.

17,196. Then you started by rail on Monday morning from Seaford?—Yes, the first thing.

17,197. You left your lugger, I suppose, on Sunday night?—Yes, left her riding at great risk in Seaford Road; it was blowing a gale of wind, and there was only two men left in her.

17,198. Did you leave Ryde on Sunday morning?—We never left Ryde; we started from Shanklin, in the Isle of Wight.

17,199. You were two days getting to Seaford?—Yes.

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17,200. After the voting was over, did you go back?—No; we had to wait two days for our lugger to come home.

17,201. Then the lugger came up in two days?—Yes, with two men in her.

17,202. Then the lugger was here two days after you were?—Two days after the election day.

17,203. That is to say, on the Thursday?—Yes; and

that did not end it. We had to put some more provisions on, and go down to the same place again; that took us another three days, and I thought it was very little for our compensation. It took about 12 days.

17,204. (Mr. Holl.) From the time you started to come home until you got back to the spot where you started from or about the same place, would be eight or nine days?—No, ten days.

G. E. Pain.

GEORGE EDWARD PAIN sworn and examined.

17,205. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—9, West Street.

17,206. What is your occupation?—A gardener.

17,207. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

17,208. From whom?—Mr. George Moon.

17,209. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

17,210. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

H. Sladden.

HENRY SLADDEN sworn and examined.

17,211. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—18, Blenheim Road.

17,212. What is your occupation?—A miller.

17,213. What did you receive at the election?—There is my statement (*handing same*).

17,214. You received 4*l*. from George Simpson on Mr. Outwin's account through Mr. Edwin Hills, the brewer?—Yes.

17,215. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

17,216. That was for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.

R. Jones.

RICHARD JONES sworn and examined.

17,217. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—2, Clarence Houses, Middle Deal.

17,218. What is your occupation?—A miller.

17,219. What did you get at the election?—4*l*.

17,220. From whom?—George Simpson.

17,221. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

17,222. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

T. Dixon.

THOMAS DIXON sworn and examined.

17,223. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—No. 3, Mill Road.

17,224. What is your occupation?—An engine driver.

17,225. What did you get at the election?—4*l*.

17,226. From Simpson?—Yes.

17,227. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

17,228. Did you get anything else?—No.

G. Farrier.

GEORGE FARRIER recalled and further examined.

17,229. (Mr. Jeune.) You have been examined before?—Yes.

17,230. You got 4*l*. from George Simpson?—Quite right.

17,231. And who else?—Mr. Wood.

17,232. You told us that before?—Yes.

C. Silk.

CHARLES SILK sworn and examined.

17,233. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

17,234. What is your occupation?—A brewer's servant.

17,235. What did you get?—3*l*.

17,236. Was that from Mr. Worels?—Yes.

17,237. For your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

17,238. Did you get anything else?—No.

T. Marsh.

THOMAS MARSH sworn and examined.

17,239. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—Lower Walmer.

17,240. What are you?—A labourer.

17,241. What did you get?—3*l*.

17,242. From Mr. Worels?—Yes.

17,243. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

17,244. Is that all you got?—That is all.

J. Bowles.

JOHN BOWLES sworn and examined.

17,245. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

17,246. What is your occupation?—Brewer's servant.

17,247. What did you get?—3*l*.

17,248. Was that from Mr. Worels?—Yes.

17,249. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

17,250. Did you get anything else?—No.

E. Holliday.

EDWARD HOLLIDAY sworn and examined.

17,251. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—Belmont Place.

17,252. What are you?—A brewer's servant.

17,253. Did you get 3*l*. from Mr. Worels for your vote?—Yes.

17,254. Did you get anything else?—No.

H. Wraight.

HENRY WRAIGHT sworn and examined.

17,255. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

17,256. What are you?—A brewer's servant.

17,257. Did you get 3*l*. from Mr. Worels for your vote?—Yes.

17,258. Is that all you got?—Yes, that is all.

H. Goldsack.

HENRY GOLDSACK sworn and examined.

17,259. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—Belmont Place.

17,260. What are you?—A brewer's servant.

17,261. Did you get 3*l*. from Mr. Worels for your vote?—Yes.

17,262. Is that all you got?—That is all.

HENRY BUSHELL sworn and examined.

H. Bushell.

17,263. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.
 17,264. What is your occupation?—A brewer's servant.

17,265. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. Worels for your vote?—Yes.
 17,266. Was that all you got?—That is all I got.

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JOHN LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

J. Lawrence.

17,267. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—At Sand-
 wich.
 17,268. What is your occupation?—A market gar-
 dener.
 17,269. What did you get?—Nothing.
 17,270. Who do you work for?—I work for myself. I
 think I am brought here on account of Mr. West.
 17,271. What have you got to say about it?—That I
 gave West 2*l.* 10*s.* of Mr. Baker's money.
 17,272. You handed the money to West?—Yes.
 17,273. From whom did you get it?—Baker; that was

in the afternoon of the election—after the election I gave
 it him.

17,274. You knew it was for West's vote, of course?—
 I supposed so.

17,275. Was that all the money that you received in
 connexion with the election?—Yes.

17,276. And all you paid?—Yes, that is all I know
 about it.

17,277. Was it Henry Baker or Charles Baker who
 gave it you?—Henry Baker; he was examined here this
 morning; he mentioned my name.

JOHN TOWN sworn and examined.

J. Town.

17,278. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—In Church
 Street, Sandwich.
 17,279. What is your occupation?—I am past work.
 17,280. Did you get anything at the election?—No.
 17,281. Nothing at all?—No, I got nothing at all, but
 I was promised 3*l.*
 17,282. Who promised you?—Mr. Coleman.
 17,283. Did he ever pay that 3*l.*?—No.

17,284. Have you asked him for it since?—No. I
 never asked anybody for anything.

17,285. Mr. Coleman asked you for your vote I sup-
 pose?—Yes.

17,286. And he promised you 3*l.*?—Yes. I was in bed
 at the time, and I see Mr. Coleman, and when I went
 down, I went down in a carriage, and went up with him.

17,287. That was on the day you went up to vote?—
 Yes.

GEORGE TOWN sworn and examined.

G. Town.

17,288. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are the son of John Town?
 —Yes.
 17,289. Where do you live?—The Butchery, Sandwich.
 At the time of the election I lived in Church Street.
 17,290. Were you living with your father?—No.
 17,291. What is your occupation?—A brickmaker.
 17,292. Mr. Coleman came to you, and what did he
 say?—He came to me and asked me which way my
 father was going. I told him I did not know, but I
 thought he would go blue as he always had done. He
 says, "Well there will be 3*l.* for him if he goes that
 "way." I went and told my father so, and he said
 "I never did go no other way; I shall always go that
 "way," and he did so.

17,293. Did Mr. Coleman come by himself then?—
 Mr. Coleman came by himself when he came to me.

17,294. Now did you get anything for your vote?—
 No, not a farthing. I got a promise.

17,295. A promise in the same way?—

17,296. He promised you you should have 3*l.* as well,
 did he?—He promised me 4*l.*

17,297. And you never received any part of the 4*l.*?—
 Not a halfpenny.

17,298. And your father has not either?—No.

17,299. And you have not received anything?—Nothing
 at all.

STEPHEN ROGERS sworn and examined.

S. Rogers.

17,300. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—54, West
 Street.
 17,301. What is your occupation?—I keep a little bit
 of a shop, a greengrocer's.
 17,302. Did you get anything at the election?—3*l.*

17,303. Who from?—A man named Evans.

17,304. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes, I
 suppose so.

17,305. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing.

JOSEPH MAY sworn and examined.

J. May

17,306. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 2,
 Alexandra Cottages.
 17,307. What is your occupation?—A boatman.
 17,308. What did you receive?—3*l.*

17,309. Who from?—From Mr. Bea at the "Foun-
 tain."

17,310. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose
 so.

17,311. Did you get anything else?—Nothing else.

FREDERICK SPICER sworn and examined.

F. Spicer.

17,312. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—15, Prince's
 Street.
 17,313. What is your occupation?—A market gar-
 dener.
 17,314. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* from
 Mr. Wilds.
 17,315. Did you get anything from anybody else?—
 Yes, I had 5*l.* of Joe Brown.

17,316. Both those sums were for your vote, I sup-
 pose?—I believe Wilds' was, but Joe Brown never
 asked me. He asked me if 5*l.* was any use to me, and I
 said "Yes."

17,317. Is that all you got?—No, I got 2*l.* from
 Mr. Thomas. I earned that.

17,318. How?—In fetching flags and carrying mes-
 sages.

17,319. Was that all you got?—Yes, that was all.

JOHN RALPH SPICER sworn and examined.

J. R. Spicer.

17,320. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—3, Sand-
 hurst Place.
 17,321. What is your occupation?—A labourer.
 17,322. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

17,323. Who from?—John Ralph.

17,324. Did you get any more from anybody else?—
 No.

17,325. That 3*l.* was for your vote, of course?—Yes.

T. Baber.

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THOMAS BABER sworn and examined.

17,326. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—79, High Street.
 17,327. What is your occupation?—A boatman.
 17,328. What did you get?—3*l.*

17,329. From Mr. Nicholas?—Yes.
 17,330. Was that all you got?—Yes.
 17,331. That 3*l.* was for your vote?—Yes.

H. Sparks.

HENRY SPARKS sworn and examined.

17,332. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—9, Middle Street.
 17,333. What is your occupation?—A sawyer.
 17,334. What did you get?—3*l.*

17,335. Was that from Mr. Nicholas?—Yes.
 17,336. And it was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.
 17,337. Did you get anything else?—No.

G. W. Wells.

GEORGE WILLIAM WELLS sworn and examined.

17,338. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—3, Alfred Row.
 17,339. What are you?—A labourer.

17,340. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. Nicholas?—Yes.
 17,341. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 17,342. Did you get anything else?—No.

H. Grant.

HENRY GRANT sworn and examined.

17,343. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—9, Alfred Row.
 17,344. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

17,345. Did you get 3*l.* at the election from Mr. Nicholas for your vote?—Yes.
 17,346. Did you receive anything else?—No.

T. Redsull.

THOMAS REDSULL sworn and examined.

17,347. Where do you live?—102, Middle Street.
 17,348. What are you?—A fish drier.

17,349. Did you get 3*l.* from Mr. Nicholas for your vote?—Yes.
 17,350. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

F. Baker.

FREDERICK BAKER sworn and examined.

17,351. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—34, King Street, Ramsgate.
 17,352. What is your occupation?—A baker.
 17,353. What did you receive in connexion with the election?—6*l.*
 17,354. Who from?—Mr. Hughes.
 17,355. What was that for?—That was 3*l.* for myself and 3*l.* for my brother.
 17,356. Did you give it him?—No.
 17,357. What did you do with it?—I gave it to his wife; he would not have anything to do with it.
 17,358. Your brother has been called already?—I believe so.
 17,359. Is that all you received?—That is all.
 17,360. Was the 3*l.* you received for your vote?—Well, it was for one thing; it was not said by the person whom I received it from it was for my vote.
 17,361. But you have no doubt it was for your vote?—I should judge not.
 17,362. What else was it for?—For my expenses and loss of time.
 17,363. Where did you come from?—I came from Ramsgate, but I came from Canterbury that morning, and then had to go to Sandwich, and then to Canterbury again.
 17,364. How many shillings would that cost you?—It was not altogether the amount of money I spent, but it was the loss of goods.

17,365. Seriously, have you any doubt at all that that 3*l.* was paid for your vote substantially?—Well, I should judge not.
 17,366. What were your expenses?—I daresay my expenses were 30*s.*; then I lost over 3*l.* worth of goods by going there.
 17,367. You lost 3*l.* worth of goods?—Yes.
 17,368. How was that?—Because the day of the election it was Canterbury rural fête, and I attend those places, and consequently not being there I got the goods thrown upon my hands, and, of course, I could not sell them again.
 17,369. Who asked you to come and vote?—I was asked by Messrs. Denne and Baxter, and I told them I should not think of going. I laid the case before them, and assigned the reason why I should not go, and he said, "You must come at all costs."
 17,370. You told him, I suppose, that you would not go unless you were compensated?—I told him I should not have anything to do with the election this time. He asked me to give the reason why, and I gave him the reason, which I have just spoken to you.
 17,371. That you would lose money?—That I should lose money by doing it. I had all the goods already made, and I should make a loss, and I did lose the goods.
 17,372. And he gave you to understand you would be compensated for it?—He told me they would pay me for my loss of time and loss of goods.
 17,373. Is that all you got?—That is all.

Adjourned for a short time.

J. Arnold.

JAMES ARNOLD sworn and examined.

17,374. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A general dealer.
 17,375. Where do you live?—Walmer Road.
 17,376. Did you receive any money from Mr. Worels?—Yes.
 17,377. For your vote?—Yes.
 17,378. How much?—3*l.* for my vote, and 3*l.* for my horse and wagon.

17,379. Besides the 3*l.* for your vote, and the 3*l.* for your horse and wagon, did you receive anything more?—No.
 17,380. Was your horse and wagon used?—I believe so. Mr. Worels had it seven or eight days carrying poles.
 17,381. That is all you received?—That is all.

F. B. Annall.

FREDERICK BATT ANNALL sworn and examined.

17,382. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 17,383. Where do you live?—17, Peter Street.
 17,384. What did you receive?—Nothing at all.
 17,385. Did you pay anything to anyone?—No.
 17,386. Did you have any promise?—No.
 17,387. Did not you receive any money at all?—Not a farthing.
 17,388. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Were you canvassed by anybody?—No.
 17,389. Nobody at all?—No.

17,390. Did you vote?—Yes.
 17,391. And you were not canvassed before you voted?—Nobody never asked me for my vote.
 17,392. Neither side?—Neither side at all.
 17,393. Did nobody come to you at all?—I do not know whether anybody came. Nobody ever see me.
 17,394. You did not get anything after the election?—No.
 17,395. And you were not promised anything?—No.

THOMAS BINGHAM sworn and examined.

T. Bingham.

17,396. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A North Sea and Channel pilot.

17,397. Where do you live?—17, Griffen Street.

17,398. Did you receive anything?—Yes.

17,399. How much?—3*l.*

17,400. Who from?—Edward Grigg.

17,401. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so. I do not know what it was for.

17,402. Did you receive anything more?—Yes, a few shillings for putting up poles.

17,403. Is that all?—That is all.

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HENRY JAMES CASPELL sworn and examined

H. J. Caspell.

17,404. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

17,405. What house do you keep?—The "Waterman's Arms."

17,406. Did you receive anything?—3*l.*

17,407. Who from?—Mr. Rea.

17,408. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I believe so.

17,409. Was that all?—I had 5*l.* for a committee room.

17,410. Who from?—Mr. Olds.

17,411. Was your room much used?—No, two or three times, that is all.

17,412. One or two came to it?—I do not know. There were several came.

17,413. But, except for putting up bills, was it really used more than twice?—Four or five times.

STEPHEN BLISSENDEN sworn and examined.

S. Blissenden.

17,414. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—mariner.

17,415. Where do you live?—10, North Street.

17,416. What did you receive?—3*l.*

17,417. Who from?—Mr. Adams.

17,418. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

17,419. What Adams was that; was it J. Adams?—T. Adams.

17,420. Who did you vote for?—Mr. Crompton Roberts.

17,421. Did you get anything more?—No.

EDWARD GRIGG sworn and examined.

E. Grigg.

17,422. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mariner.

17,423. Where do you live?—14, Silver Street.

17,424. You received, I think, some money in connexion with this election?—Yes.

17,425. How much?—108*l.*

17,426. Was that to distribute amongst voters?—Yes.

17,427. Have you got a list?—Yes (*handing same*).

17,428. These are the names and addresses of the people amongst whom you distributed it?—Yes.

17,429. Do you know the Christian name of Millgate?—No.

17,430. Or Beal?—No.

17,431. Or Archer?—No. Mr. Bushell had the money for them, but he had it through my hands.

17,432. You do not know the Christian names of either of those?—No.

17,433. Do you know what Millgate is?—No, I do not know the man.

17,434. Do you know what Beal is?—A labourer, I think.

17,435. Do you know where he lives?—Duke Street, I think. I am not certain. I have not got a book, or else I should have found the addresses out.

17,436. After I have asked you one or two more questions will you take the list and put the addresses and Christian names to those different men?—Yes.

17,437. Those 36 men had 3*l.* a-piece, that is 108*l.*?—Yes.

17,438. As I understand the 108*l.* you received you distributed amongst the 36 names that you have given us here?—Yes.

17,439. Did you receive anything more?—6*l.* for canvassing.

17,440. 6*l.* for canvassing for yourself?—Yes.

17,441. That is in addition to this?—Yes.

17,442. I see you took one share of this 108*l.*?—No, that is a brother of mine.

17,443. Self is the name of a man is it and not yourself?—Yes.

17,444. Did you do much in the way of canvassing, or was that for the vote?—No, canvassing.

17,445. You did not take much time canvassing, did you?—It took me all my time.

17,446. How do you mean all your time. What time did you give to canvassing do you think now—a few hours?—About a month or six weeks.

17,447. The vacancy was barely three weeks before the election day. You did not take much trouble canvassing, did you?—Not particularly, but I was about all the time.

17,448. Was not this 6*l.* in order to secure your interest on that side?—No.

17,449. Was it not?—No, not in the least; merely for canvassing.

17,450. Did you receive anything more?—There was going to be a regatta, and I was one of the regatta committee, and there was much money took up for the expense of the regatta, but that is in hand now; in reserve.

17,451. You are one of the parties who had the 22*l.* in keeping for some future time?—Yes, when it comes off.

17,452. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JOHN G. GRIGG sworn and examined.

J. G. Grigg.

17,453. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A publican.

17,454. What house do you keep?—The "Ship" Inn.

17,455. What money did you receive?—8*l.*

17,456. Who from?—5*l.* from Mr. Olds, and 3*l.* from Mr. Edward Grigg.

17,457. Did Mr. Olds take a committee room?—Yes.

17,458. Was it used much?—No, I do not think it was used at all.

17,459. What is the rent of your house?—18*l.*

17,460. Who did you receive the other 3*l.* from?—From Mr. Edward Grigg.

17,461. That was for your vote?—That was for my vote.

17,462. Is that all?—That is all.

CHARLES LARKINS SELTH sworn and examined.

C. L. Selth.

17,463. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A North Sea and Channel pilot.

17,464. Where do you live?—38, Middle Street.

17,465. What did you receive?—I received nothing. I was a clerk.

17,466. What did you receive for that?—55*s.* or 56*s.*

17,467. Did you do much clerk's work?—Yes, I was at work day and night.

17,468. How many days were you there?—Four or five days.

17,469. Did you receive anything more?—No.

17,470. From anyone?—No.

17,471. Did you pay anything to anyone?—No, I had the handling of no money. I had to work from 6 o'clock Sunday morning to 12 o'clock at night.

17,472. The other days how long were you engaged?

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—I went there at 9 o'clock in the morning till 10 o'clock at night.

17,73. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How was the sum fixed; was it so much an hour?—I cannot tell you exactly how it was fixed.

17,474. How came you to get 2*l.* 15*s.*?—About 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Thomas paid it.

J. Elsdén.

JOHN ELSDEN sworn and examined.

17,477. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A waterman.
17,478. Where do you live?—York Street, Walmer Road.

17,479. What did you have?—Well, there were 18 of us, and we had 5*s.* a day each for 12 days which amounted to 3*l.*

17,480. (*Mr. Turner.*) What was that for?—Looking after the poles at night and hoisting the flags in the morning.

17,481. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who did you get your money from?—James Axon.

17,475. Why was it 55*s.*? who fixed it?—I do not know. Mr. Thomas reckoned up our hours how long we were there, and put it altogether.

17,476. (*Mr. Holl.*) It was pretty good pay, but you worked hard?—It was four or five days, and perhaps more.

17,482. That is just 3*l.*?—Yes.

17,483. That is just what each voter got for his vote?—Just so.

17,484. And, I suppose, this was for the same reason?—I cannot say.

17,485. (*Mr. Jeune.*) It is a very awkward figure?—I was not asked for my vote.

17,486. (*Mr. Holl.*) But you have a suspicion that that was what it is for?—Well, I daresay it was.

17,487. Is that all you received?—That is all.

A. Gilchrist.

ANDREW GILCHRIST sworn and examined.

17,488. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A North Sea and Channel pilot.

17,489. Where do you live?—Lower Barrack Wall.

17,490. What did you receive?—Nothing at all.

17,491. No money at all?—No, not a farthing.

17,492. Did you pay anything to anyone?—No, not a farthing to anyone.

17,493. Were you promised anything?—No.

17,494. (*Mr. Turner.*) Is there another person of the same name as yours?—No, not about here.

17,495. (*Mr. Holl.*) Were you canvassed by anyone?—No.

J. Nightingale.

JAMES NIGHTINGALE sworn and examined.

17,496. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A waterman.

17,497. Where do you live?—York Street, Lower Walmer.

17,498. What did you have?—Nothing.

17,499. Did you pay anything to anyone?—No, not a penny.

17,500. Were you promised anything?—No.

C. T. Pearson.

CHARLES STEPHEN PEARSON sworn and examined.

17,501. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.

17,502. Where do you live?—Strand, Walmer.

17,503. What did you receive?—Nothing.

17,504. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Were you promised anything?—No.

17,505. Were you canvassed by anybody?—Nobody.

R. Stokes.

RICHARD STOKES sworn and examined.

17,506. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A waterman.

17,507. Where do you live?—York Street, Walmer Road.

17,508. What did you receive?—3*l.* for pole watching.

17,509. Who from?—Mr. Axon.

17,510. Was that for your vote?—No, it was for pole watching.

17,511. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are like Mr. Elsdén just now. Mr. Elsdén thought his vote had something to do with that?—I cannot say; I do not know about that.

17,512. Do you not agree with him?—I cannot say.

17,513. (*Mr. Holl.*) It is the same as everybody else received, 3*l.* for their vote?—I worked for that.

17,514. Did you get anything else?—No.

A. Wood.

ARTHUR WOOD sworn and examined.

17,515. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A waterman.

17,516. Where do you live?—8, York Street.

17,517. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. Axon.

17,518. I suppose that was for the same?—I suppose so.

17,519. To keep you safe?—I do not know.

17,520. Did you receive anything else?—No.

T. F. Young.

THOMAS FREDERICK YOUNG sworn and examined.

17,521. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A North Sea pilot.

17,522. Where do you live?—York Street, Lower Walmer.

17,523. What did you receive?—Nothing.

17,524. Were you promised anything?—No.

S. Holgate.

SIMON HOLGATE sworn and examined.

17,525. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A greengrocer.

17,526. Where do you live?—50, Strand, Lower Walmer.

17,527. What did you receive?—Nothing.

17,528. Did you have any promise made you?—No.

17,529. Who canvassed you?—Sir Julian Goldsmid.

17,530. Had you no promise at all?—No.

17,531. You did not receive anything?—Nothing.

A. Cload.

ALFRED CLOAD sworn and examined.

17,532. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A carpenter and joiner.

17,533. Where do you live?—16, Park Street.

17,534. What did you receive?—I received nothing. Mr. Ralph put 3*l.* on my table, and my wife took it up.

17,535. And she kept it?—Yes.

17,536. You knew of it?—I know she took it up; I do not know what she done with it.

17,537. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Which Mr. Ralph is it; what is

his Christian name; is it Mr. John Ralph?—Mr. Ralph, the blacksmith; I do not know his Christian name, John, I think.

17,538. (*Mr. Holl.*) You are sure it is Mr. John Ralph?—Yes, I believe so.

17,539. After that you voted?—I voted after that.

17,540. And your wife kept the money—I suppose so.

17,541. Did you have any more?—No.

JOHN LEDNER sworn and examined.

17,542. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A brewer's labourer at present.

17,543. Where do you live?—Church Street, St. Mary, Sandwich.

17,544. What did you receive?—3*l.*

17,545. From Mr. Lock?—Yes.

17,546. Was that for your vote?—I expect so.

17,547. Did you receive anything more?—No.

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JAMES T. BROWN sworn and examined.

17,548. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A hatter.

17,549. Where do you live?—1, Wellington Place; I used to live at 11, Upper Queen Street.

17,550. What did you receive?—3*l.*

17,551. Who from?—Mr. John Ralph.

17,552. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

17,553. Is that all you received?—Yes.

J. T. Brown.

BENJAMIN JOHN MACEY sworn and examined.

17,554. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

17,555. Where do you live?—4, West Street I did live, but now I have moved.

17,556. What did you receive?—3*l.*

17,557. Who from?—Mr. Bales.

17,558. Was that for your vote?—About a week afterwards I received it. I suppose it was for my vote.

17,559. Anything more?—Nothing more.

B. J. Macey.

ABRAHAM VICKERS sworn and examined.

17,560. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

17,561. Where do you live?—Custom House Lane.

17,562. What did you receive?—Nothing at all.

17,563. Had you no promise?—No.

17,564. Nothing promised to you?—No.

17,565. Who canvassed you for your vote?—I went voluntarily myself.

17,566. Did anybody canvass you before?—Before they did.

17,567. Who was it?—Mr. Hayman.

17,568. Did he not promise you something?—He promised me 3*l.*; but then I thought I would go as I thought I would.

17,569. What did you say to him?—I told him I should see. I told him I would bear it in mind, but I thought of not going.

17,570. How did you vote?—For the Liberals.

17,571. Then you did not get anything?—No; I cannot make out what I was called for.

17,572. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did Mr. Hayman promise you that you should have something?—Yes, but I thought I would go which way I thought I would.

17,573. You thought he would keep his promise, did you not?—He told me what he would give me if I went.

17,574. What did he say he would give you?—3*l.*

17,575. You expected to get it, I suppose, did you not?—If I went for him I should, I daresay.

17,576. You only said if you went for him?—Yes.

17,577. Did you ever ask him for it afterwards?—No.

17,578. Or ask anybody for anything?—No.

A. Vickers.

WILLIAM CRIBBEN sworn and examined.

17,579. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.

17,580. Where do you live?—8, Alfred Row.

17,581. What did you receive?—3*l.*

17,582. Who from?—Mr. Edward Grigg.

17,583. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

17,584. Is that all you received?—Yes.

W. Cribben.

RICHARD GILLOW recalled and further examined.

17,585. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You heard the evidence which was given by two witnesses just now, William Farrier and Captain Brenchley, and they both swore that they had each received 5*l.* from you personally?—Yes.

17,586. On Saturday last you were examined at very considerable length and pressed a good deal to say whether or no you had not given some sums away as bribes over and above the 60*l.* which you said you had given to Mr. Nowers. Now I have here the shorthand writer's note, and although you do not, except once, say absolutely that that was not the case—I did not say that was not the case.

17,587. Once you did distinctly; but you said over and over and over again that you could not remember, that you did not think you had, that you could not give any name; and you certainly left the impression upon my mind, at least, that you meant to convey that you had not given any more money to anybody else. Now, have you got anything to say about this?—I say as I said before; I daresay there will be some more come up. On the election day you cannot remember what you did do. I was running about there all day. I gave both these sums on the election day; just before the poll I gave it to one of the men.

17,588. (*Mr. Turner.*) You admit it now?—Yes, I remember it now as well as anything—I own it; and there may be some more. I will not bring any men into it that were not in it—I cannot remember.

17,589. (*Mr. Jeune.*) This is what you said: I pressed you a good deal about it, and I asked you these questions: "(Q.) You gave some of them something?" I suggested that to you. You say, "(A.) I do not remember anything." (Q.) It does not strike me as being very "like Sandwich if some of the people did not ask you for money?"—(A.) Of course they did—lots of people, "who I asked for their vote, asked me how we were going on." (Q.) In some cases did you not give them "anything?"—(A.) No. (Q.) Are you quite sure?—(A.) Yes?—So I am. A good many men asked me

for money, and I did not give them a penny—several at least, when I say "asked me for money," I asked them to vote, and they said they had not made up their mind, and they did not know which way they were going; that is a pretty good broad hint, you know.

17,590. You meant there to say that you had not given any money to any person as I read it?—No, I do not think so. I did not mean that. I spent that money, and I do not know where it has gone to. It has gone all over the place.

17,591. I do not think you are doing yourself justice "by making observations of that kind. This is a very serious matter. You were on your oath a few days ago; you were pressed over and over again, and every opportunity was given to you of explaining, because I confess honestly the impression on my mind, from the tone of your answers, was that you had given money to more persons than you chose to own. Now that turns out to be the case. Two persons have come and sworn, and you do not deny it, that you personally bribed them with 5*l.* each?—Yes, I did do so.

17,592. Therefore the impression you conveyed to my mind the other day was a false impression, and that is a very serious thing, especially to a person in your position?—You might have taken it so; but I did not mean it so. I told you how much money I had spent, that is the sum, and it has gone.

17,593. (*Mr. Turner.*) That was the 60*l.*?—But I told you more than that.

17,594. (*Mr. Jeune.*) No?—Yes, I told you I had spent 80*l.*

17,595. I am afraid your recollection is inaccurate?—I said I had spent 80*l.*, I am certain.

17,596. Just listen. "(Q.) Did you pay any other money at all away for the purpose of its being distributed amongst voters, to obtain their votes." (A.) "No."?—I do not remember it, I said.

17,597. Then "I want to know first whether you paid

R. Gillow.

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"any other money away to any one yourself personally, or to anyone else, for the purpose of its being distributed amongst the voters to influence the votes. (A.) Not that I remember"—That was my answer.

17,598. Listen to the rest. (Q.) Did you spend any other money at all in any way connected with the election. (A.) Not that I know of. I just bought a bow or two, that is all"—No, I did not. I said I had bought a bow or two and a flag. I did not say "that is all."

17,599. (Q.) Nothing substantial that you can remember beyond this. What is your answer?—They were not the words that I said.

17,600. You say (A.) No, I bought a flag"—Yes, that is right.

17,601. (Q.) You gave no more money directly or indirectly than you have mentioned to be distributed. (A.) No, I do not remember any more. This question was asked you. (Q.) As near as you can estimate, what do you think you spent in that way. (A.) I should think I spent 70*l.* or 80*l.* altogether. Then you were pressed, as I have said already, at very great length, over and over again, "Did you give any other sum away in the same way" (that is in the same way as to Mr. Nowers), and your answer is, "I cannot remember any. Of course I did not think I was going to be called. I cannot remember any. (Q.) But you see here you are. Cannot you remember any more now. (A.) I do not think there is any more." Then I suggest, (Q.) I should think there would be some more, and you say, (A.) No, I think not. (Q.) When everybody in Sandwich, in your view, was capable of being influenced, I should think there would be some more, 60*l.* is rather a small amount to one man. (A.) It was a pretty good lot out of my own pocket. (Q.) Having gone so far as 60*l.*, I daresay you went a little further. (A.) Of course I used to go out and spend money every day. (Q.) Did you give money to any people besides treating them, and your answer is, (A.) I do not remember any. (Q.) Just try—you were out on the prowl for voters. (A.) I was out every day doing all I could. (Q.) Your opinion of the Sandwich voters was not a very high one. Are you quite sure you did not give any one any money. (A.) I cannot remember at the present moment. (Q.) Try and think whether you did not. (A.) I cannot remember now anyone. (Q.) Surely you must have done so. (A.) I do not know who it is then. (Q.) Do you mean that there were several more, and you cannot remember the names. You did not confine yourself, did you, to merely treating; there must have been some cases surely where you were asked for money. (A.) Yes, I was asked. You know what canvassing is. I did not have anything to do with paying any more money away. (Q.) What strikes me is this, you were out canvassing, surely lots of men asked you for money. (A.)

"Yes, and I told them I had not got it. (Q.) You gave some of them something. (A.) I do not remember anything. (Q.) It does not strike me as being very like Sandwich if some of the people did not ask you for money. (A.) Of course they did; lots of people who I asked for their vote asked me how we were going on. (Q.) In some cases did you not give them anything. (A.) No. (Q.) Are you quite sure. (A.) Yes." That is your evidence?—Did I answer that "No?"

17,602. It is exactly as I have read it to you from the shorthand writer's note. It is the case that you did give 5*l.* to each of those two men?—Yes, that is all right.

17,603. To whom else did you give money?—I have got no recollection of any more really. I think that is about the lot.

17,604. Is that all the answer you intend to give?—Yes. I cannot remember any more. I gave French and Farrier.

17,605. You gave the money that you gave to Nowers in gold, I suppose?—Yes; 60 sovereigns, I think it was.

17,606. Where did you get those 60 sovereigns from?—It was my own money.

17,607. I know; but where did you get the actual sovereigns from; you had not 60 sovereigns in your pocket, I suppose?—I did in the afternoon.

17,608. Did you go to the bank to get it?—No.

17,609. You do not ordinarily keep 60 sovereigns in your pocket; nobody does?—I do not keep a banking account at all, and I never have.

17,610. Had you that money in your house?—I had it in the brewery. That is where I had it; in my father's brewery.

17,611. The money was in the till?—No, it was not. It was my private money. I did not draw any money out of the brewery at all. I cashed a cheque a fortnight or three weeks before the election for 85*l.* That is the only account I can give.

17,612. How much money had you in your possession at that time. I do not mean in the way of cheques, or anything of that sort, but how much coin?—I should think nearly 100*l.*

17,613. In coin?—Yes.

17,614. Was it all spent?—No, it was not. That is what I say. I did not spend it all.

17,615. You say you spent about how much?—I spent about 80*l.* I should think. From 70*l.* to 80*l.*; 80*l.* perhaps. I should think I did spend 80*l.* I cannot tell. I was a fortnight there spending money.

17,616. Now it has been brought to your attention that you bribed two persons you did not tell us of, might there be others that you bribed?—Yes, there might be, but I do not think there is. I am nearly certain there is not.

W. Jordan

WILLIAM JORDAN SWORN and examined.

17,617. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—A labourer.

17,618. Where do you live?—Sandwich.

17,619. What did you receive?—3*l.* from Mr. East.

17,620. Was that for your vote?—Yes, that was for my vote, I suppose.

17,621. Anything more?—2*l.* from Mr. Cloke for a messenger.

17,622. How many days were you employed as a messenger?—Six.

17,623. And you got 2*l.*?—Yes.

17,624. You were really employed, were you, for six days?—Yes.

17,625. Anything more?—Half a sovereign from Mr. Fagg, of the "Green Posts." Mr. Coleman sent me there after it.

17,626. For doing what?—He asked me in the street whether I had been and voted. I said, no. I had not made up my mind. He said, "Will half a sovereign be of any use to you?" "Yes," I said, "Every little helps," and so it does. Then he said, "You go down to Fagg's and get half a sovereign." I went and got it.

17,627. Did you receive anything more?—No. I received it, and very soon spent it.

[Adjourned to to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.]

FIFTEENTH DAY.

Thursday, 21st October 1880.

GEORGE STUPPLE sworn and examined.

G. Stupple.

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17,628. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A cord wainer.
 17,629. Where do you live?—Moat Sole, Sandwich.
 17,630. What money did you receive in the election?
 —Nothing at all; nothing from no one.
 17,631. Were you promised anything?—No.
 17,632. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Roberts; and I
 promised him.

17,633. Did anyone else canvass you?—No, not to
 come to my house. They asked me for my vote in the
 Market Place, but I promised Mr. Roberts.

17,634. Who asked you in the Market Place?—Mr.
 Emmerson and Mr. Cottew.

JOHN BLACKBURN sworn and examined.

J. Blackburn.

17,635. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shipwright.
 17,636. Where do you live?—Knightrider Street,
 Sandwich.
 17,637. What did you receive at this election?—4l.
 17,638. From whom?—Mr. Slaughter.
 17,639. Was that for your vote?—It was for being a
 messenger.
 17,640. You were a messenger?—Yes.
 17,641. How many days were you a messenger?—
 12 days; 11 days before the election, and one day upon
 the polling day.
 17,642. Did you receive nothing else?—No.
 17,643. Nor the promise of anything else?—No.
 17,644. Who canvassed you?—No one.
 17,645. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When were you engaged as a
 messenger?—12 days before the election.
 17,646. What did you do as a messenger; did you

carry any messages?—Yes, I came to and fro to
 Deal.

17,647. From Sandwich to Deal?—Yes.

17,648. How often did you go in the course of the
 day; more than once?—No.

17,649. What is your ordinary occupation?—A ship-
 wright.

17,650. For whom do you work?—Mr. Pain.

17,651. Did you give up working for him during those
 days?—Yes, we were slack of work at the time.

17,652. You had no other occupation at that time at
 all?—No.

17,653. What are your ordinary wages as a shipwright?
 —4s. a day.

17,654. That would be 24s. a week?—Yes.

17,655. Here you see you got more than twice as
 much for about the same time?—We were slack of work
 at the time.

WILLIAM WOOD sworn and examined.

W. Wood.

17,656. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 17,657. Where do you live?—Harnet Street, Sand-
 wich. I have moved within the last week or two.
 17,658. What did you receive at the election?—3l.
 from Mr. Hughes, and 3l. from Mr. Baker.
 17,659. Was that for your vote?—Mr. Baker never

passed any word. He gave it into my hand, and I put it
 in my pocket and walked away.

17,660. Do not you know it was for your vote?—He
 did not say anything.

17,661. What did you expect it was for?—For my vote.

17,662. What was Mr. Hughes' for?—For my vote.

WILLIAM HOWARD sworn and examined.

W. Howard.

17,663. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A flyman.
 17,664. Where do you live?—St. Peter Street,
 Sandwich.
 17,665. What did you receive?—3l.

17,666. From whom?—Mr. Baker.

17,667. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing
 else.

17,668. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

JOHN BRADLEY STOKES sworn and examined.

J. B. Stokes.

17,669. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gardener.
 17,770. Where do you live?—At Sandwich, Potter
 Street.
 17,671. What did you receive at the election?—4l.
 from Mr. Baker.

17,672. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

17,673. What Mr. Baker is that?—Mr. Baker of
 Dover.

17,674. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.

JOHN REDMAN sworn and examined.

J. Redman.

17,675. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A cellarman.
 17,676. Where do you live?—3, George Alley, Deal.
 17,677. What did you receive for your vote?—4l.

17,678. From whom?—Mr. Edwin Hills.

17,679. Was that for your vote?—I suppose it was.

17,680. Did you receive anything else?—No.

HARRIETT HUXSTEP sworn and examined.

H. Huxstep.

17,681. (*Mr. Turner.*) Is your husband Stephen
 Huxstep?—Yes, he is too ill to come, he is paralysed
 and you could not understand what he said.

17,682. Do you know that he received 3l. for his vote?
 —Yes.

17,683. From whom?—George Moon.

17,684. Do you know that he received anything else?
 —I know that he did not. I have here a certificate from
 the doctor (*handing a paper*).

17,685. It is a certificate signed by a medical man
 stating that your husband is suffering from shaking
 palsy and is too feeble to attend?—Yes, he cannot
 talk.

WILLIAM HENRY COREY sworn and examined.

W. H. Corey.

17,686. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I work at the
 brewery at present.

17,687. Where do you live?—161, Middle Street.

17,688. Did you receive any money at the election?—
 3l. from Edward Grigg.

17,689. Was that for your vote?—I expect it was for
 that.

17,690. Did you receive anything else?—No.

E. D. Collins.

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17,691. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A bricklayer.
 17,692. Where do you live?—9, Gladstone Road.
 17,693. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

17,694. From whom?—Mr. Edward Grigg.

17,695. Did you receive anything else?—No, not a farthing.

G. Cribben.

GEORGE CRIBBEN sworn and examined.

17,696. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A stoker.
 17,697. Where do you live?—12, North Sandy Lane.
 17,698. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

from Mr. Edward Grigg to vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

17,699. Did you receive anything else?—No.

T. Cribben.

THOMAS CRIBBEN sworn and examined.

17,700. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 17,701. Where do you live?—No. 1, Dolphin Street.
 17,702. What did you receive for your vote?—I received 3*l.* I came up from Portland, and I do not know whether it was for my vote or for my expenses; that is all I received.

17,703. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Grigg.

17,704. Was it for your vote?—I do not know whether it was for my vote or for my expenses.

17,705. How long were you coming from Portland?—Three days. I came on purpose for the election, and we waited till the wind came round, and stopped about a week.

17,706. Did you receive anything else?—No.

17,707. What were your expenses in coming?—We turned up in the boat, but we had to pay the people who could not give a vote something out of it.

17,708. (*Mr. Holl.*) How much did you get for yourself?—For myself 3*l.* is all I had altogether.

17,709. What did you lose?—I could not say.

17,710. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Who asked you to come?—The

owner of the boat I believe sent for us. I was close to Portland when the telegraph message came.

17,711. Who did the telegram come from?—From the owner of the boat, I think.

17,712. Who is the owner of the boat?—Mr. Spears.

17,713. Did you see the telegram?—They received the telegram at Portland, and two of us were at Weymouth when it came.

17,714. Did you see the message?—No.

17,715. Do you know what it said?—It ordered us home to come and vote.

17,716. Did it say that if you came home you would get compensation?—No.

17,717. Did it say anything about that?—No, I did not hear anything about it.

17,718. Did you get the 3*l.* before you voted, or after?—The same day as the election was we got it.

17,719. Before you voted?—I do not know whether it was for voting, or for my expenses up, but all I had was 3*l.*

17,720. Were you paid before you gave your vote?—Yes, I had it before I gave my vote.

H. C. Durban.

HENRY CAVELL DURBAN sworn and examined.

17,721. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boat builder.

17,722. Where do you live?—77, High Street.

17,723. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

17,724. From whom?—From Edward Grigg.

17,725. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

17,726. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else. My brother is summoned, but he is working in London.

17,727. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did he get 3*l.* from Mr. Grigg?—Yes; he was working in London; he came down from London to vote, and he went back, and Mr. Grigg gave me 3*l.* to give to him.

17,728. You gave it to him?—Yes.

17,729. He went back the same day?—The day after the election.

17,730. That was given to him for voting?—I should think it was paying his expenses and loss of time in travelling.

17,731. The expenses in coming from London and back would not be more than 1*l.*?—But he lost two or three days' work.

17,732. Third class it would be only 11*s.*?—It is not everybody that likes to travel third class; some people have a very great objection to it. Will it be necessary for my brother to come?

17,733. No, I think not; you gave him the money yourself?—Yes, I could swear I gave it to him.

17,734. You may let him know that he need not come?—I will let him know.

J. G. Marsh.

JOSEPH GARDNER MARSH sworn and examined.

17,735. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

17,736. Where do you live?—Beach Street, Deal.

17,737. What did you receive?—3*l.* off Mr. Grigg, and no more.

17,738. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

17,739. Did you receive nothing else?—No, nothing else.

J. E. Parker.

JOSEPH ELVERY PARKER sworn and examined.

17,740. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A painter.

17,741. Where do you live?—Middle Street, Deal.

17,742. What did you receive?—3*l.*

17,743. From whom?—Mr. Edward Grigg.

17,744. For your vote?—I suppose it was.

17,745. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

J. G. B. Roberts.

JOHN GEORGE BROWN ROBERTS sworn and examined.

17,746. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A publican.

17,747. What is your house?—The "Albion," in Beach Street.

17,748. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.* from Mr. Edward Grigg, and 5*l.* from Mr. Olds for a committee room.

17,749. Was your room used at all?—Yes, on several occasions.

17,750. Who met there?—There were papers put up; there was no meeting.

17,751. Papers all over the house?—Yes.

17,752. That was the use made of it?—Yes.

17,753. Did you receive anything else?—No.

W. Roberts.

WILLIAM ROBERTS sworn and examined.

17,754. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A broken down waterman.

17,755. Where do you live?—No. 4, Water Street.

17,756. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes, from Mr. Grigg.

17,757. Did you receive anything else?—No.

HENRY ROBERTS sworn and examined.

H. Roberts.

17,758. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A grocer.
17,759. Where do you live?—150, Middle Street.

17,760. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes, from Mr. Grigg.
17,761. Anything else?—No.

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WILLIAM THOMAS ROBERTS sworn and examined.

W. T. Roberts.

17,762. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a post messenger.
17,763. Where do you live?—11, Golden Street.
17,764. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

17,765. From whom?—Mr. Edward Grigg.
17,766. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

FRANK BURNAP sworn and examined.

F. Burnap.

17,767. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shipwright.
17,768. Where do you live?—St. Peter Street, Sandwich.

17,769. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.
17,770. From whom?—Mr. East.
17,771. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JOHN COOK sworn and examined.

J. Cook.

17,772. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
17,773. Where do you live?—3, Chapel Street, now.
17,774. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

17,775. From whom?—Mr. Porter.
17,776. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

VALENTINE SKELTH sworn and examined.

V. Selth.

17,777. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A painter.
17,778. Where do you live?—21, Oak Street.

17,779. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Grigg for your vote?—Yes.
17,780. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

WILLIAM THOMPSON sworn and examined.

W. Thompson.

17,781. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

17,790. What is your rent?—It is a nominal rent—only 10*l.*

17,782. What is your house?—The "Prince of Wales," Middle Street.

17,791. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.

17,783. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote from Mr. Grigg?—Yes.

17,792. What?—2*l.* for my committee room that morning. I sent in a bill for 4*l.* 5*s.*, but I have only received 2*l.* 5*s.*

17,784. Anything else?—5*l.* from Mr. Olds for a committee room.

17,793. You have received 3*l.*, 5*l.*, and 2*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes.

17,785. Was that room used?—Yes, it was used—it was kept as such.

17,794. What was the 2*l.* 5*s.* for?—For refreshments that morning for the voters, and likewise the committee men.

17,786. How was it used?—In the morning. I had to take them down to another room because it was not large enough—there were so many came.

17,795. What voters?—There were a great many.

17,787. How often was that?—That was the morning of the election.

17,796. On the Conservative side?—Yes, all Conservatives.

17,788. On any other day was it used?—No, they did not use it any other day but that morning.

17,797. Who ordered those refreshments?—Mr. Evans ordered me to serve them with biscuits and cheese, and anything like that, but not to go too far.

17,789. It was only used once upon the day of the election?—Yes.

17,798. Was there anything else?—There was 30*s.* from Mr. Spears for the flag pole, and five men had the money—I forgot to mention that.

JOHN BAKER sworn and examined.

J. Baker.

17,799. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
17,800. Where do you live?—13, Middle Street.
17,801. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Yes.

17,802. From whom?—Mr. Warner.
17,803. How much?—3*l.* 13*s.*
17,804. You were one of the 42?—Yes.
17,805. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JOHN BAYLY sworn and examined.

J. Bayly.

17,806. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
17,807. Where do you live?—3, Primrose Hill.
17,808. How much did you receive for your vote?—3*l.* 13*s.*

17,809. From whom?—Mr. Lambert.
17,810. Did you receive anything else?—I had a shilling or two for working about.

HENRY BAYLY sworn and examined.

H. Bayly.

17,811. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
17,812. Where do you live?—15, Jew's Harp Alley.
17,813. Did you receive 3*l.* 13*s.*?—Yes.

17,814. From whom?—Mr. Lambert.
17,815. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
17,816. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JAMES ARTHUR SPICER sworn and examined.

J. A. Spicer.

17,817. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
17,818. Where do you live?—Church Street, St. Mary's, Sandwich.

17,819. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.* from Mr. Lock, and 2*l.* from Mr. Benjamin Coleman.
17,820. Was that for your vote too?—Yes, I expect so.
17,821. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

WILLIAM HILLS ARCHER sworn and examined.

W. H. Archer.

17,822. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fruiterer.
17,823. Where do you live?—16, Albert Square.
17,824. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.* I suppose it was for my vote.

17,825. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. William Bushell.
17,826. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.

G. Thomsett.

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GILHAM THOMPSETT sworn and examined.

17,827. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A stoker.
 17,828. Where do you live?—4B, Cannon Street.
 17,829. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

17,830. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 17,831. From whom did you receive the 3*l.*?—
 Mr. Edward Grigg.

W. Sneller.

WILLIAM SNELLER sworn and examined.

17,832. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 17,833. Where do you live?—6, Dolphin Street.
 17,834. Did you receive 3*l.* for your vote?—Yes.
 17,835. From whom?—From Mr. Edward Grigg.

17,836. Did you receive anything else?—No. My
 father is the same name as myself, and he is at Dover.
 17,837. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did he receive 3*l.*?—Yes.
 17,838. From Mr. Grigg?—Yes, the same as myself.
 17,839. That was for his vote?—Yes.

C. Foy.

CHARLES FOY sworn and examined.

17,840. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 17,841. Where do you live?—7, Market Street.
 17,842. Did you receive any money for your vote?—
 Yes, 3*l.*
 17,843. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Rea.
 17,844. That was for your vote?—Yes.

17,845. Did you receive anything else?—Yes, 4*l.* from
 Mr. Outwin.
 17,846. Was that also for your vote?—Yes.
 17,847. Did you receive anything more?—No, nothing
 else.

J. Hill.

JOHN HILL sworn and examined.

17,848. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 17,849. Where do you live?—5, Sandhurst Place.
 17,850. What did you get for your vote?—4*l.*

17,851. From whom?—Mr. Edwin Hills.
 17,852. Is that all you got?—Yes.

J. Thurgood.

JAMES THURGOOD sworn and examined.

17,853. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A greengrocer.
 17,854. Where do you live?—169, Middle Street.
 17,855. What did you get for your vote?—3*l.*

17,856. From whom?—Mr. Grigg.
 17,857. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

W. W. Bushell.

WILLIAM WILKINS BUSHELL sworn and examined

17,858. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 17,859. Where do you live?—4A, Beach Street.
 17,860. I think you received some money from Mr.
 Grigg to distribute?—Yes.
 17,861. How much?—12*l.* for four voters.
 17,862. You gave 3*l.* to four voters?—Yes.
 17,863. Is that all you received?—No, I received five
 guineas besides that.
 17,864. For yourself?—For canvassing, personal ex-
 penses, and night-watchman.
 17,865. What personal expenses did you incur?—Going
 round canvassing, and spending money here and there.
 17,866. Treating people you mean?—No, treating
 myself—it is what I spent upon myself. I did not treat
 anybody else.
 17,867. You did not spend five guineas in refresh-
 ments?—No, I say it is for expenses, going about can-
 vassing, and night-watchman.

17,868. How many days did you canvass?—The whole
 election.
 17,869. How many people do you think you saw?—
 10, 20, or 30, but I only got those four men that I paid
 money to.
 17,870. How many nights did you watch?—All one
 night. I received 5*l.* before that for a committee room.
 My wife received that.
 17,871. What house is yours?—The "Pier Tavern."
 17,872. Was that used much?—Once or twice, and
 they had a meeting one night.
 17,873. What other use did they make of it?—They
 had pens and ink on the table all the time of the election.
 17,874. What is the rent of your house?—19*l.* a
 year.
 17,875. That is all that you had?—Yes, that is all I
 had.

J. Millgate.

JOHN MILLGATE recalled and examined.

17,876. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A platelayer.
 17,877. Where do you live?—32, Nelson Street.
 17,878. Did you receive 3*l.* from William Bushell for
 your vote?—Yes.
 17,879. Is that all?—3*l.* from Mr. Watts.

17,880. Was that for your vote also?—Yes, I suppose
 so.
 17,881. Did you receive anything more?—No, nothing
 more.

H. Beal.

HENRY BEAL recalled and examined.

17,882. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 17,883. Where do you live?—17, Nelson Street.
 17,884. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*
 from Mr. Bushell.

17,885. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 17,886. Did you receive anything more?—3*l.* from
 Mr. Watts.
 17,887. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

R. Bushell.

RICHARD BUSHELL sworn and examined.

17,888. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.
 17,889. Where do you live?—York Street, Lower
 Walmer.
 17,890. What money did you receive?—I received
 nothing.
 17,891. Did you do anything at the election?—No, I
 was laid up at the time.
 17,892. Is there another Richard Bushell?—No.

17,893. When were you summoned?—Yesterday, and
 I was off when it came.
 17,894. You received nothing at all?—No, nothing at
 all.
 17,895. Were you promised anything?—No.
 17,896. Did you vote?—Yes.
 17,897. Did you pay anything to anybody?—No.
 17,898. Did you treat anybody?—No, I was laid up at
 the time.

ALEXANDER PETTET sworn and examined.

A. Pette

17,899. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A stoker at the gasworks.

17,900. Where do you live?—5, Jew's Harp Alley.

17,901. Did you receive any money?—Yes, 5*l.*

17,902. From whom?—1*l.* at Mr. Outwin's house, and 4*l.* at Mr. Hill's house.

17,903. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I believe so.

17,904. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

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LEONARD THOMAS FRIEND sworn and examined.

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17,905. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Market gardener.

17,906. Where do you live?—38, Duke Street.

17,907. Did you receive 3*l.* from Mr. Grigg for your vote?—Yes.

17,908. Did you receive anything else?—Yes, 3*l.* from Mr. Joseph Brown.

17,909. Did you receive anything more?—No.

(*The names of several Witnesses were called but they did not answer.*)

(*Mr. Holl.*) The Commission will be now adjourned, and we shall consider whether it will be necessary for us to sit here again, or whether we shall sit in London. Before leaving the Commissioners desire to express their thanks to the Mayor, and to all authorities connected with the borough for the attention and the assistance they have received in the execution of the inquiry.

Adjourned.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

No. 2, Paper Buildings, Temple, Thursday, 28th October 1880.

CHARLES ROSS FOORD sworn and examined.

C. R. Foord.

17,910. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A contractor for public works, and am engaged in other things.

17,911. Where do you carry on your business?—Acorn Wharf, Rochester, and also at Sheerness and London.

17,912. Have you known Sir Julian Goldsmid long?—Yes, I think my first acquaintance with him personally was soon after the death of the late Serjeant Kinglake, about 10 or 11 years ago. Mr. Kinglake died in 1870.

17,913. Since that have you acted for Sir Julian Goldsmid at all in any capacity?—What do you mean by "acted."

17,914. Have you been in any way connected with him, and if so, how?—I have always recorded my vote for him, and of course I have been an active partizan of his.

17,915. Have you in any way interfered in his pecuniary affairs or transacted business for him in any way?—My elder brother has generally paid all Sir Julian Goldsmid's expenses, that is to say his registration expenses, subscriptions, and such like; in fact Sir Julian Goldsmid very seldom pays any money without consulting a member of our firm.

17,916. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Is your brother a partner of yours?—Yes.

17,917. What is his name?—John Ross Foord.

17,918. (*Mr. Holl.*) Have you or your brother acted for him financially in any other way?—I do not know. My brother may have done one or two little matters for private friendship. We are not financial agents in any way.

17,919. I think Sir Julian Goldsmid has said there was some transaction in which you or your brother had acted for him, in connexion with some purchase?—Yes, I think my brother did.

17,920. Do you know anything about the details of that transaction at all?—I do not. I know nothing about it. It would be a matter that I should have nothing to do with.

17,921. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When was it?—Four or five years ago.

17,922. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who has been in the habit of acting principally for Sir Julian Goldsmid, you or your brother?—My brother.

17,923. Do you yourself personally know the extent to which your brother has acted for him?—If you mean in amount, I do not.

17,924. I mean in financial matters. Do you know whether he has acted frequently, or only occasionally?—Not frequently. Whenever Sir Julian wished to pay a subscription, my brother always paid it for him. My brother has enough to do to mind his own affairs.

17,925. Can you tell me what amounts of money you have disbursed for him or paid on his account?—No. If you want to know anything about Sir Julian Goldsmid's private affairs, you must go to my brother. I am the wrong man, because I know nothing. Let me ask, really has this anything to do with the Sandwich election.

17,926. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I think it has a great deal to do with it?—That is a matter of opinion.

17,927. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you or your brother forward any money to Sandwich in connexion with the election which took place in May 1880?—Yes, I took down 1,500*l.*

17,928. Perhaps you will tell me first, how did it happen that you took down 1,500*l.* to Sandwich?—Upon the 13th May, at about 11 o'clock, I received a telegram from Mr. Belsey, who, I was aware, had gone down to speak at a meeting upon the previous night, to say that he wished to speak to me upon the arrival of a train about noon. I will not say exactly what the words of the telegram were, and I went to the post office to try and get it, and found that they had been all sent to London, but this was the effect of it,—would I be in the way about noon on the arrival of the train at that time.

17,929. At Rochester?—Yes. About 12 o'clock Mr. Belsey came into the office in my own private room, and said that he had come up from Sandwich, and Sir Julian Goldsmid would be very much obliged if we would forward a sum of 1,500*l.* upon his account to Mr. Emmerson at Sandwich. I replied that that was a matter I would rather not interfere with; that it was a question of money, and I would send for my brother who I knew was down at the gas office. I sent for him, and I said to Mr. Belsey, "As a matter of course, if Sir Julian wishes us to do it, personally, I should like to do it," and when my brother arrived, it was arranged that I should go to London, that I should take a cheque up on our London bankers, and draw the sum of 1,300*l.*

17,930. 1,300*l.* or 1,500*l.*?—Neither. I am wrong. That I should draw the sum of 1,200*l.*, because there were 300*l.* in our iron chest over and above what we should require during the week, which would make up the sum of 1,500*l.* At first starting, Mr. Belsey said that the sum of 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.* was to be sent down, and we decided inasmuch as it would not make any difference to us whether it was 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.*, that the larger sum should go down to Mr. Emmerson. The next morning, by the first train, I left Chatham, and I arrived at something between 12 and 1 o'clock, I think, at Sandwich.

17,931. What day was this?—The following day, upon the 14th, the Friday. I arrived at the station, and when

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I got there it was my intention to go to Mr. Emmerson. I knew at this time that Mr. Emmerson was a solicitor in good practice, and also agent for Sir Julian Goldsmid; as I was passing out of the gate, a gentleman came to me and said, "Are you from Rochester." I said "Yes." "Are you Mr. Emmerson," and he said, "Yes." He had a cab, and I drove off in the cab to Mr. Emmerson's office, and I then handed over to Mr. Emmerson the sum of 1,500*l.* Mr. Edwards, the gentleman whom I was afterwards told was Sir Julian's agent at Deal, came into Mr. Emmerson's office, and I then handed over the sum of 1,500*l.*

17,932. (*Mr. Turner.*) In gold?—Yes, I can give it to you exactly; there were four London Joint Stock bags 200*l.* a-piece, making 800*l.*; there was another one of 100*l.*, making 900 sovereigns coming from London, and also three other bags of 100*l.* each coming from London, making 1,200*l.* Then there were also two bags of mixed gold, that is, sovereigns and half sovereigns, containing 300*l.*, making altogether 10 bags, containing 1,500*l.* in gold.

17,933. (*Mr. Holl.*) As I understand it, Mr. Belsey, after you received his telegram, came down to Rochester and saw you?—Yes.

17,934. And he gave you instructions to do what you have told us?—He asked us to do it. He did not instruct us, because, as a matter of fact, we should not allow him to instruct us.

17,935. He asked you to do it?—Yes.

17,936. Will you tell us, as near as you can, what it was Mr. Belsey requested you to do?—To take down to Mr. Emmerson, who was Sir Julian Goldsmid's agent, the sum of 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.*, as it was not convenient for Sir Julian Goldsmid to hand over the cheque to him, or words to that effect. I should not like to say what the words were exactly, but at any rate that was the purport of it. We knew that Sir Julian Goldsmid wished us to send down to his agent the sum of 1,500*l.*, and we did it with a great deal of pleasure.

17,937. (*Mr. Turner.*) Were the instructions to send it in gold?—No, there was nothing said about gold, or notes, or anything of the sort. First of all I may say I should not think of sending cheques down, because you must recollect Bank Holiday was upon the Monday, and Saturday was a short day, and there was a question whether I could have gone down upon the Friday. I rather fancy it was not supposed that I should get down before Saturday. Mr. Belsey also told me that they would want the money upon the Saturday, inasmuch as there were a great many weekly payments to be made, which I did not understand much about, such as men for hoisting flags, and things of that description. Of course Mr. Belsey was perfectly aware, and I was aware, that it was a most unusual thing to ask a candidate for payment in advance, for work done; but still, when we were told it was necessary, we did it. I do not think that I have anything more to add.

17,938. Did Mr. Belsey say anything to you about that?—Yes; he told us that there were a lot of men to be paid in respect of hire of rooms, hoisting flags, messengers employed, and that the payments must be made weekly, or words to that effect, or must be paid off at once.

17,939. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do I understand that you had no instructions as to sending it down in gold?—No instructions at all.

17,940. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes. Who would instruct me to send down gold?

17,941. When I say "Instruct you," always understand I do not mean "Instruct" in any other sense than asking you to do it. I understand that you got the request from Mr. Belsey?—Yes, to take down 1,500*l.*

17,942. Did Mr. Belsey say anything to you about sending it down in gold?—No, I have no recollection of it; but I should not have thought of sending it down in notes, because personally I have a great objection to Bank of England notes, and I would not carry 1,500*l.* worth of notes to please anybody; I would sooner carry 1,500*l.* in gold than in notes, because I do not like Bank of England notes at all.

17,943. It is not so convenient to carry?—No doubt that is so, but I have a great objection to Bank of England notes. There were no instructions to take it down in either notes or gold or anything else, but from my own notion I thought it the best thing to do.

17,944. You will forgive me for pressing it; but are you quite sure there was no request to send it down in gold?—No, there was not.

17,945. It was your own idea?—Yes, my own idea.

17,946. There was no suggestion from Mr. Belsey

that it would be more convenient to have it in gold?—No, certainly not.

17,947. Did it surprise you at all that you should be asked to send down this money?—I had no concern with the Sandwich election; but if Sir Julian wished me to do it of course I should do it. What did surprise me was, that any agent should require money in advance, because I do not think they ought to require it. I do not think any money should be paid by a candidate beforehand.

17,948. Did the agent require money in advance?—I understood so.

17,949. Who told you that?—Mr. Belsey said that Mr. Emmerson, the agent to whom I was to take the money, had been asking Sir Julian for money, and he had decided to ask us to send down 1,500*l.* I understood that his agents had been asking Sir Julian for money.

17,950. I should like you to tell me if you can as nearly as possible the precise request that Mr. Belsey made to you; that is, what he said to you?—I think I have told you as much as I can recollect, that Sir Julian Goldsmid wanted 1,500*l.* sent down to Mr. Emmerson. I had not much time to settle the matter, because I had to go home and get my luncheon, and then I had to go off by the train, so that there was not much conversation about it.

17,951. (*Mr. Turner.*) Was your brother present, and did he have any share in this conversation with Mr. Belsey?—My brother was present during a portion of the conversation.

17,952. (*Mr. Holl.*) Mr. Belsey first made the request to you, and then your brother came?—I sent for my brother.

17,953. Did he see Mr. Belsey?—Yes.

17,954. And talk the matter over with him?—Yes; he drew this cheque (*producing the same*) for 1,200*l.*, upon the London Joint Stock bank.

17,955. Have you a bank at Rochester?—Yes; two banks in Rochester, and two or three in London.

17,956. How was it that the cheque was drawn upon the bank in London?—Because our balance stood better there, and it was more convenient to do it.

17,957. Could you have drawn as much as 1,500*l.* at Rochester?—If you want to know anything about our banking accounts you must ask my brother; all I know is we have always got plenty of money.

17,958. Have you got your bank book for the Rochester bank?—No; the Rochester bank has nothing to do with it.

17,959. What I want to know is whether you could have drawn as much as 1,500*l.* upon the Rochester bank?—If you wish to know so much of my private affairs you must go to my brother John. I was never asked such a question in my life.

17,960. (*Mr. Jeune.*) But you are a member of the firm?—Yes, but I do not trouble myself with money matters.

17,961. Do not you know the credit of the firm?—Credit! we never borrow anything.

17,962. That is not the question; what you are asked is, could not your firm have drawn a cheque for 1,200*l.* upon the bank at Rochester with a certainty of its being honoured?—The answer I must give you is that if you want to know whether we could or could not, you must ask my brother, because I do not know.

17,963. Did any conversation pass between you and your brother upon the subject?—Yes; he said it would be more convenient to draw the money from the London Joint Stock bank.

17,964. (*Mr. Holl.*) You do not know what your balance was at the Rochester bank at that time?—No.

17,965. Your bank book would show of course?—I daresay it would.

17,966. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you send round to inquire at the Rochester bank what your balance was?—No, I should not think of doing it, knowing that we had got plenty of money up in London. I thought the best thing to do was to go up to London, where there could not be any question about it. The fact is this; ever since that the London Joint Stock bank started we have always banked there; it is our principal bank, and we merely make our branch bank, the London and County bank, and as we want money for the purpose of wages at Rochester and Sheerness, we draw from there; that is the way I believe my brother arranges the matter, but we look upon the London Joint Stock bank as our principal bank. Our late father banked there for a

number of years, and we have continued to do so. The only object of going to the London Joint Stock bank was because it was more convenient.

17,967. Do you have your principal investments and banking account at the London Joint Stock bank?—Yes; and at times we have had very large deposits there you will find if you inquire, though they are not so large now because a good deal of it is invested.

17,968. When you draw for wages, where do you draw from?—When it is for wages for Rochester we draw upon the London and County at Rochester, and upon the London and County for Sheerness wages; but in connexion with London transactions we draw upon the West End branch of the London Joint Stock bank.

17,969. Do you feed your accounts at Sheerness and Rochester?—We do not keep an account at Sheerness; we draw at Sheerness upon an authority for what money we want at Sheerness not exceeding 300*l.*, a week.

17,970. Do you feed the bank at Rochester from the London Joint Stock bank?—Yes; I have understood that my brother generally does that. Of course, we keep a respectable balance there.

17,971. I want to know which is the largest account, which is your principal banking account?—The London Joint Stock.

17,972. (*Mr. Holl.*) Was any suggestion made by Mr. Belsey or by anyone that you should draw the money in London?—No, certainly not; who would dare to ask a man where he should draw his own cheques; certainly not.

17,973. You say nothing of that kind took place?—No, certainly not; I have told you the exact fact.

17,974. Who would know best how it came that this cheque was drawn upon the London bank instead of the Rochester bank, you or your brother?—My brother; he told me that it would be more convenient for us to draw upon the London Joint Stock bank.

17,975. As far as you are concerned, it was your brother's suggestion to draw upon the London Joint Stock bank?—Such a cheque as that I should not think of drawing, because I never draw any large cheques, except for the wages at Sheerness; he manages all the financial part. There are four members of the firm.

17,976. Are you in the habit of drawing cheques for as much as 1,200*l.* at times upon the Rochester bank?—I should think not as a rule, unless it has been paid in for any special purpose which might have required it, but mind you, I do not commit myself by saying that we have not done so, because a few years ago our wages were above 1,000*l.* a week, though they are not so heavy now.

17,977. Do you know whether you or your brother told Sir Julian Goldsmid that Mr. Edwards came to the station to receive the money; did you say whether it was Mr. Emmerson or Mr. Edwards that came?—I have not seen Sir Julian Goldsmid.

17,978. You are not Alderman Foord?—No, my brother.

17,979. Do you remember what Mr. Belsey said to you with regard to whom to give the money?—Mr. Emmerson.

17,980. Did he give you any name in writing, or was it verbal, do you remember?—It was in writing.

17,981. Do you remember whether you had any memorandum?—Yes, there is the address in Sir Julian's own handwriting (*producing a small piece of paper*).

17,982. Do I understand you to say you know of no reason for this money having been drawn in London except what you have told us?—Quite so; I would just as soon have drawn it at Rochester, and so saved a journey to London, if it had been convenient to do so. If my brother had said it was handy for Rochester, it would have been done. He knew there was a good balance at the London Joint Stock bank, and that was the reason that he took it out there.

17,983. As far as you are concerned, you know of no reason for its being drawn in London, except that your brother suggested it?—No, none at all. It would put us to a little more inconvenience, but a large portion of it we could have taken from our own money in hand. I have told you already we had got 300*l.* in the house.

17,984. Was that in the house in gold or in notes?—In gold.

17,985. Do you generally keep as much as that in gold?—Yes; it happened to be Thursday, and my brother had got a surplus over and above what we required for wages.

17,986. Of course, I do not understand these business matters as well as you do, but do you usually have as much as that in gold?—Yes, upon Thursday a good deal more than that.

17,987. You draw gold to pay your wages with?—Yes.

17,988. And this was the gold over and above what you would require upon Saturday?—Yes, we had got 300*l.* more than we should require.

17,989. Was that in your strong box in gold or in notes?—In gold.

17,990. It was in gold at the time?—Yes.

17,991. It was not in notes, and then changed into gold?—No. I may tell you that some years ago there was a great run upon the banks, when everybody was fearful of banks, and my father took it into his head that he would always keep more than enough for one week's wages in the house, and we have always kept a fair amount, and if our bank were to break to-morrow, our men would not go without their wages. It is what my father did, and we have continued to do it, so that we have always got some money in the house.

17,992. You went down upon the Friday?—Yes, and came back upon the Friday.

17,993. I think you said something to the effect that it was not certain whether you would get off upon the Friday or Saturday?—Mr. Belsey said, would I come down either Friday or Saturday, but Saturday I said I could not possibly go, because it was my day at Sheerness, and I had my workmen to pay, and I said I would go to London at once. I had to leave a little after one, to get up to London within banking time.

17,994. Then you came straight down from London to Sandwich; you came to London on Thursday?—Yes.

17,995. You went back to Rochester, and left Rochester upon the Friday?—I came up to London by the 1.48 train; I arrived at Ludgate at 2.52, and returned by the 4.27 train from Ludgate upon Thursday, and the next day I left Chatham by the 8.40, arrived at Canterbury at 9.56, left Canterbury at 11.56, and arrived at Sandwich at 12.38. Then I left Sandwich at 4.9, and that was my day's work.

17,996. Mr. Belsey asked you to take it down either Friday or Saturday?—Yes.

17,997. And you took it down upon the Friday?—Yes.

17,998. As I understand you you have told us as far as you can recollect everything that took place between you?—Yes, the conversation was merely in regard to taking down 1,500*l.* Mr. Belsey said they wanted 1,500*l.*, and I was to take it down to Mr. Emmerson for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

17,999. Was there any conversation at all with regard to its being taken down in gold other than what you have told us?—No, certainly not.

18,000. (*Mr. Turner.*) You took this gold in the 10 bags that you have mentioned?—Yes, and there is Mr. Emmerson's receipt for it (*handing a paper*).

18,001. (*Mr. Jeune.*) "R.J.E.," is that Mr. Emmerson's signature?—Yes, that is his own handwriting.

18,002. This was the receipt that Mr. Emmerson gave you?—Yes. I merely said to Mr. Emmerson, "It is just as well, as there are other people interested in the money that you should give me a memorandum that I have given it to you. I daresay you will not mind doing that," and he said, "Certainly not," and he gave that to me.

18,003. That is the only receipt he gave you?—Yes, that is all.

18,004. You observe upon the face of it it is undated?—I did not notice that.

18,005. And it has no receipt stamp?—No.

18,006. And it has only Mr. Emmerson's initials?—Yes.

18,007. Is it your habit in business to have receipts in this form where you pay away as much as 1,500*l.*?—No. I did not think it was necessary to take a receipt. You see it was not a payment.

18,008. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Emmerson. You told him something; what did you tell him?—I had merely a conversation to the effect that I had brought him down the money from Rochester.

18,009. Did you say it had come from Sir Julian Goldsmid's friends?—Yes, and so it did.

18,010. Did you mean by that to convey that it had not come from Sir Julian himself?—No, I meant to

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convey that I was a friend of Sir Julian's, and I had brought it down.

18,011. That may mean one of two things; did you mean Mr. Emmerson to understand that Sir Julian Goldsmid's friends had found that money, or that it was in fact Sir Julian Goldsmid's money?—I did not mean to convey to Mr. Emmerson that that money was found by the friends of Sir Julian Goldsmid and that he would not have to repay it. I did not mean that. I meant to convey that the money was found by friends of Sir Julian, but I had no wish that Mr. Emmerson should understand that the friends of Sir Julian Goldsmid had found the money for an improper purpose from Rochester, so that Sir Julian might know nothing about it. Why should I do that when I met Mr. Emmerson by Sir Julian's instructions?

18,012. Did Mr. Emmerson tell you that he met you by Sir Julian's instructions?—Or words to that effect. He said that Sir Julian had told him, "I should meet a gentleman at the railway."

18,013. Then it strikes me there was very little reason in your saying that it was from Sir Julian Goldsmid's friends. What object had you in saying that it had come from Sir Julian Goldsmid's friends?—I think I qualified it, but I will not swear to it, by saying that I had not cashed any cheque of Sir Julian Goldsmid's, that the money was simply brought down by myself, and that it was my own money, or money of myself and firm.

18,014. That is what you meant to say to Mr. Emmerson?—Yes.

18,015. When you said that the money came from Sir Julian Goldsmid's friends what you meant to convey was that it was not a cheque of Sir Julian Goldsmid's but the money had been found independently in the sense of your having found it, or your firm having found it?—Yes, that is what I meant, and I think I told Mr. Emmerson that I had had to go to London to change the cheque.

18,016. Do you think you told Mr. Emmerson that?—Yes, I think I told him that in the course of conversation I had been up to London to change the cheque. I would not swear to such a thing as that because I cannot tax my memory so far back, and I have many other things to think of.

18,017. Did you ever in your life advance Sir Julian Goldsmid any money before?—Me personally?

18,018. First of all you?—Our firm always paid Sir Julian Goldsmid's registration fees and subscriptions.

18,019. You have not personally advanced Sir Julian Goldsmid any money before?—No.

18,020. What has your firm paid for Sir Julian?—As I have told you before subscriptions of different kinds, registration fees, and so on, have always been paid by our firm and arranged by my brother. My late father did the same for Serjeant Kinglake and Mr. Philip Martin, and continued it on for the last 25 years. If Sir Julian Goldsmid has written to us to say that subscriptions to a certain amount were to be paid, or registration fees, our firm has always paid it, but if you want to know the amount you had better ask my brother if he will tell you, though I very much doubt whether he will, because it has nothing to do with Sandwich.

18,021. You might have spared that last observation because you do no good by such observations. There are certain questions that must be asked, and must be answered, and the sooner the better for us all. Did you, or your firm, ever act as agents in connexion with the elections at Rochester?—What do you mean as agents?

18,022 As agent for expenses?—No, certainly not.

18,023. Did you ever pay or find any money for Sir Julian Goldsmid for his elections at Rochester. I do not mean registration expenses, but in connexion with the elections at Rochester?—I think if you want to ask me those questions you had better ask my brother.

18,024. You do not know?—I do know, but I could not answer you properly. If any money has been wanted at an election or after an election, and it was not convenient to Sir Julian, we should pay it and give it to the agent. It has been our custom all our lifetime to do it.

18,025. Has your firm to your knowledge—and if you do not know, say so—found any money for Sir Julian Goldsmid for his elections at Rochester?—I know nothing about amounts, but I know that we have paid Sir Julian Goldsmid's registration expenses.

18,026. I excluded those in my question. What I am asking you is whether you or your firm, to your knowledge (and I am not talking of registration expenses), have found any money for Sir Julian Goldsmid for his elections at Rochester?—No, I do not know.

18,027. Does your brother know?—I do not know; you had better ask him what he knows.

18,028. You do not know anything about that?—No, I know nothing about what is in my brother's mind.

18,029. Otherwise than as regards elections, do you know whether your firm has paid any and what sums for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—No; and I would rather, if you want to know anything about Sir Julian Goldsmid's private affairs (I know very little about them, never having troubled my head about it), that you should ask my brother.

18,030. Are there any other members of the firm besides your elder brother and yourself?—Yes, two other brothers.

18,031. There are four in the firm?—Yes, but one of them is generally in London, and his other residence is Bottley Grange, Southampton.

18,032. Which brother would know about Sir Julian Goldsmid?—My brother Mr. John Ross Foord.

18,033. That is Alderman Foord?—Yes.

18,034. Does he live in Rochester?—Yes.

18,035. I suppose "Alderman John Ross Foord" will find him?—Yes.

18,036. (Mr. Turner.) Did you ever know any transaction like this, with this number of bags of sovereigns, in any previous election of Sir Julian Goldsmid?—No, certainly not; and I never heard of such a thing before as wanting money in advance. It appears to be understood as a Sandwich custom. Personally, it was not any business of mine, and if Sir Julian Goldsmid had asked me to send down 3,000*l.* instead of 1,500*l.* I would have taken care that his agent should have had it; his agent is responsible for that, and he is a gentleman and a solicitor.

18,037. Of course you would look to Sir Julian Goldsmid, and not his agent, for repayment?—Of course I would not have sent money or taken money to common people; but if Sir Julian Goldsmid had simply told me he required it I would have taken it down, with very great pleasure, to him; and so I would to-morrow morning. I would repeat this to-morrow if he asked me for it, because he is a very honourable, straightforward man, and I would not hesitate to do anything he asked me, and I am very pleased to have had the opportunity of doing it.

18,038. (Mr. Jewne.) You say that you received a telegram; was that the only telegram you received?—Yes, the only telegram. I have had no letter from Sir Julian, and I have not seen Sir Julian but once since the election at Rochester.

18,039. You have had no letter or telegram in connexion with the matter except the one you have mentioned?—No, none at all. I only knew of the result of the election through a next door neighbour of mine, Mr. Champion, and a personal friend. I knew a great deal more about Sandwich from the other side than I knew about it from my own side.

18,040. Were you ever in Sandwich before?—No, never.

18,041. You are entirely unknown there by sight?—I daresay I was.

18,042. Have you ever been there before?—No, I have never been to Sandwich before in my life. I have one or two personal friends in the particular locality and therefore I should not like to say that I was entirely unknown.

18,043. Have you ever been at Sandwich yourself?—No, I have never been in Sandwich in my life before.

18,044. You say Mr. Belsey came to your office about 1 o'clock?—No, about 12 o'clock; our office is very close to where the train arrived, and the train was due a little before 12.

18,045. You sent for your brother Mr. John Ross Foord?—Yes.

18,046. That was when you were considering the matter?—Yes, but it did not take long to consider, of course.

18,047. Of course you had to decide whether the money should go down and how it should go down?—Yes; I did not hesitate a minute; directly my brother came down he said "Yes; if Sir Julian wants it, take it down."

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18,048. From whom did the suggestion come that the money should go in gold?—My brother said, or I said myself, I think, "I shall take it down in gold." I never had any idea of taking it down in any other way.

18,049. Did your brother suggest, or did it come from you, that the money should be taken down in gold?—I should think it came from myself. I think it is most likely I said that I should take it down in gold. He gave me the cheque, and when I went up to London, I told them at the bank I wanted gold. I was responsible for taking it in gold, and no one else.

18,050. Was it discussed between you three how the money should be taken down?—It was agreed that it was better for me to go than one of the clerks.

18,051. I mean the shape in which it should be taken?—I think, I said, "I shall take it in gold." It might have been my brother.

18,052. Was there any discussion between you as to upon which bank the cheque should be drawn to get the gold?—I think I have told you before that my brother said it would be more convenient that I should go to London and get the money.

18,053. Did he say why it would be more convenient?—He simply said that it would be better for our banking account, that is all; he said, it would be more convenient, and, therefore, I understood him to mean that it would be better for our banking account.

17,054. Is that all he said; tell me exactly what he said?—If you mean that we should have been afraid to go to the Rochester bank to have done it, I may say, without hesitation, we were not afraid, and I would as soon have gone to the Rochester bank as the London bank, but my brother said from the way in which our account stood it would be better to take it from the London Joint Stock bank.

18,055. You say that you started at one to go to London, and you got back about half-past seven?—No, before then I got back; I got back as soon as ever I could, because one does not want to carry about 1,200*l.* in London longer than you can help. I went to London at one o'clock, and, I think, I told you I arrived at Ludgate at 2.52, went to the bank, got the money, and returned at 4.27 from Ludgate.

18,056. Am I to understand that your only reason for going up to London, and getting the cheque cashed in that way, was that your brother said it would be more convenient in respect to the banking account at Rochester to do that?—Yes.

18,057. I am clearly to understand that that was the only reason?—Yes, I had just as much confidence in the London and County bank at Rochester as these people.

18,058. You do not suggest that there would have been the slightest difficulty in getting the money upon going to the bank at Rochester, and asking them to give it to you?—No.

18,059. You said some years ago you were in the habit of paying as much as 1,000*l.* a week in wages?—Yes.

18,060. And for that you would draw a cheque and get gold?—We do not draw so heavily as that; the wages could be drawn in two or three different places. Perhaps 200*l.* would be drawn at Sheerness. It would not be drawn in one cheque, but two or three cheques, because some of the wages would be due upon Thursday, and others later on.

18,061. You do not suggest that there would have been the slightest financial difficulty in going to the bank at Rochester, and getting 1,000*l.* or 1,200*l.* in money?—I do not suppose so, but my brother knows better about that. I do not suppose that any manager of any bank in the county of Kent would refuse me 1,000*l.* whether I had got it or not.

18,062. You say that it has been your habit for some years to keep a considerable sum of money in the house for the purpose of paying wages?—Yes.

18,063. That habit was well known, I suppose; you made no secret of it?—No.

18,064. Mr. Belsey would know it even, I suppose?—No, I do not suppose so; why should he know it? My sisters reside in my father's house, and my younger brother, and they will be able to prove it. On account of what happened to the English Joint Stock bank, we have always taken care to have sufficient money in the house, so that if by any chance our bank were to stop, our men would not go without their wages.

18,065. That is well known to be your habit?—We keep our business within ourselves; we do not have a bellman round to tell what our habits are.

18,066. You have done that for many years?—Yes, we

have always done it since the English Joint Stock bank went.

18,067. I understand you to say you have not communicated with Sir Julian Goldsmid upon this subject since?—I have only seen Sir Julian Goldsmid once, and that was at a meeting where he sat at one end of the table, and I at the other; we did shake hands, but we had no conversation either in reference to Rochester or Sandwich. I merely asked how he was. I have only seen him but that once, nor have I had any conversation, or correspondence with him.

18,068. After you took this money down you did not write to Sir Julian Goldsmid to say that you had taken down the money for him?—No.

18,069. Nor to Mr. Belsey?—Mr. Belsey knew that I had gone to London to do it, and I think I told him I had done it. I told several friends that I had done it; I did not keep the matter secret, and my own children and my sisters knew that I had been to Sandwich and taken the money. I had no object in keeping it secret in any way. As I have said before, if a man does a kind action he would not send a bellman round about it, but if you had come and asked me whether I had taken the money down, I should have said at once that I had done so, and I say now that I would do it again, and I am not ashamed of what I have done.

18,070. What struck you as the reason why Sir Julian Goldsmid should send to you at Rochester to take 1,200*l.*?—The reason was, I suppose, that it was not convenient to draw the same amount himself, or he had not made his arrangements; I do not know. If I had known you as well as I had known Sir Julian Goldsmid, and you had wanted me to send down 1,500*l.*, I should have done it with a great deal of pleasure, and I daresay you have got friends who would do the same thing for you.

18,071. You simply did it because you were asked to do it?—Yes, I have the greatest confidence in Sir Julian Goldsmid, and if he asked me to do it I should not ask him why; why should I ask a gentleman why he wanted me to send him 1,500*l.*?

18,072. (*Mr. Holl.*) You say that you would not have had any difficulty with any bank in Kent in getting 1,000*l.* or 1,200*l.*?—I do not think so; we are well known.

18,073. I understand you to say that you do not know personally what your balance at the Rochester bank at that time was?—Yes.

18,074. In the ordinary course of business, if you had had a balance at the Joint Stock bank exceeding 1,500*l.*, but not so large a balance at the Rochester bank, upon which bank would you have drawn?—On the London Joint Stock bank.

18,075. You would not ask a favour?—No. I have never been under an obligation to a bank in my life, and I do not mean to be if I can help it.

18,076. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Would you in the ordinary course of your business go up to London and back, and bring down money in gold, to pay 1,200*l.*?—If you ask me that question, I may say that some few years ago we did it for two or three months; we brought all our money down from the London Joint Stock to pay our wages.

18,077. Was that at the time of the financial crisis?—Yes.

18,078. You doubted the stability of the banks at Rochester at the time?—Yes, we were in trouble with one; we had 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.* locked up in the English Joint Stock bank. We were then right with the London Joint Stock bank, and, besides, we had got Exchequer Bills, so that we should not be in any trouble. We are rather careful people about money matters.

18,079. (*Mr. Holl.*) You took a memorandum from Mr. Emmerson for the receipt of this money?—Yes.

18,080. And you say that you told him that somebody else was interested in the money. Can you remember when it was that you told him that; was it previous to asking for the receipt, or when?—About the same time as we were sitting there talking. After I had given him the money, I said, "Mr. Emmerson, you will not mind just giving me a memorandum that I have brought you down this money," and he said, "No, certainly not, you shall have it," and he gave me that little thing that I have produced.

18,081. Had you any object in telling him that somebody else was interested in the money?—I meant to imply this, that Sir Julian Goldsmid had not drawn the cheque, and that I had been merely his servant to bring down a certain sum of money; that the money was not Sir Julian Goldsmid's money, but I never meant to imply but what Sir Julian Goldsmid would repay it, because I knew he would.

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GEORGE HENRY LEWIS recalled and further examined.

18,082. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You have been kind enough to produce the papers that you were asked to produce; are those the papers connected with the petition?—Yes.

18,083. Are those all the papers you have?—Yes, they are all that I have.

18,084. Of any sort or kind?—I made my clerk, who is down at the Worcester petition, before he left town, look and see whether there were any more, and another clerk also I made look, but these are all I have; some I brought down with me to Sandwich, but you did not think them important; the Walmer account, for instance.

18,085. Till we look through the papers, it is impossible to say which are important or not; all I wish to know is, are those all the papers that you have connected in any way directly or indirectly with the election?—Yes.

18,086. When did Sir Julian Goldsmid first call upon you with regard to your taking up the petition?—I cannot give you the exact date, but I should say within two or three days of the election.

18,087. The 18th May was the election?—Yes, and it was within two or three days of that.

18,088. You had not acted for Sir Julian Goldsmid before?—No, never; but I knew him very well.

18,089. Did he call upon you, or write to you in the first instance?—He called upon me.

18,090. Am I to understand that from that day onwards that these papers represent all the papers that you have in connexion with the petition?—There are the drafts, and the briefs you have.

18,091. I should like the drafts?—The drafts of the original briefs you have.

18,092. Yes, and I should like the drafts of the witnesses proofs?—They are copied by the law stationer, and you have the copies.

18,093. I should like the drafts?—I will send them to the secretary.

18,094. That you say will make the list complete?—Yes; here (*pointing*) are some instructions that I received. I may say, until the briefs were drawn, I had very little to do with it, because I had not the information. I sent people down to Sandwich, and they remained there to serve the subpoenas till the trial, and hardly ever came up.

18,095. Who were the clerks?—One was a clerk of the name of Chalkley.

18,096. Is he in your service still?—Yes; and he shall attend whenever you wish; and there was a detective of the name of Edwin Levi, and he employed, I think, two more persons, and he shall attend whenever you please. He employed, I think, one of his own men, and I think two local people, to try and get information.

18,097. Are those all the people you know of being employed?—Yes; they were engaged in collecting the evidence; it was a long time before the particulars had to be delivered.

18,098. You saw Elliott when he came to London?—Yes.

18,099. And he gave you a draft proof?—Yes; which is copied in the brief.

18,100. You saw him personally?—Yes.

18,101. He was brought by a man named Brown?—Yes.

18,102. Did Brown give you a statement too?—No.

18,103. Did you learn from Brown who were the persons he had bribed?—No, I did not know that Brown at that time had bribed anybody. Elliott made a statement of the persons he had bribed in the presence from what I remember of some men in a public-house—the money was put upon the table for them.

CHARLES HENRY CROMPTON ROBERTS sworn and examined.

18,117. (*Mr. Holl.*) You were a candidate at the election of May last for Sandwich and Deal?—I was.

18,118. When did you first become in any way connected with Sandwich, or first entertain the idea of becoming a candidate for Sandwich?—After the sudden dissolution of Parliament.

18,119. In this year?—Yes.

18,120. With whom did you have any communication upon that matter?—My solicitor, Mr. Spofforth. I have

18,104. You knew of course that Elliott was coming?—I am not certain whether I had a telegram to say that this man Levi, or one of his men was bringing up Elliott, or whether they arrived without. I know that they rushed into my office, and it was said that Dr. Hulke had come up in the same train, and had seen this man and tried to get him away from them, and they threatened him with some proceedings if he interfered.

18,105. I think I ought to ask you this—you know that Brown and Elliott have both disappeared?—Yes.

18,106. Do you know how they have come to disappear?—I have my suspicions in regard to Elliott, because of course he was a very important witness, and it was very well known that he was concerned in giving information and therefore I suspect why he disappeared—we could not subpoena him at the time, but as to Brown I have never heard anything of him from that moment to this.

18,107. Can you suggest any reason why Brown should have disappeared—he disappeared the day after he received the summons to appear before us—can you suggest why he should have disappeared?—No. I have never from that moment to this had any communication with him either direct or indirect, nor with any agent in connexion with them. The moment that the petition had been heard we never had anything more to do with Sandwich.

18,108. Have there been at any other time any other papers that you know of connected with this petition?—There were the accounts of Mr. Edwards which I gave Mr. Edwards back, he asked for them back, and I returned them.

18,109. Are there any other papers?—No, I am not aware of anything else.

18,110. And as far as you know no papers have been destroyed?—No, except the list of the public-houses which I regret I cannot find. The list was, I believe, handed up to the judges. The judges wished to verify the fact that the publicans who let their houses at so much a-piece had voted upon the day of the election, and with somebody selected from the other side it was verified. I took the list, and the person upon the other side took the particulars, and the high bailiff took the poll-book and called the names out, and I ticked the list; and after that it was handed to Mr. Day, and Mr. Day handed it to the judges. That list showed that everyone, with one exception, had voted.

18,111. Except that list, and the accounts handed to Mr. Edwards, are there any other papers which you have had in your possession in connexion with the petition which you have not now got?—No.

18,112. There are none, so far as you know, lost or destroyed, or put away as not being needed?—No.

18,113. Therefore we have got everything?—Of course there are a few letters from Sir Julian Goldsmid making an appointment, and so on.

18,114. One would like to exhaust everything. I should like to have the correspondence that has passed between you and Sir Julian Goldsmid upon the subject?—There is no correspondence, I think, except making an appointment two or three times.

18,115. I should like to be able to exhaust it, so be so good as to send the whole of the correspondence that has passed between you and Sir Julian Goldsmid, and never mind whether it be important or unimportant?—There has been no correspondence in the sense of correspondence—it is over a long period of time, and of course he has written letters to say, “I am coming to town,” and so on.

18,116. I daresay the letters will be unimportant enough, but still I should like to exhaust everything, and therefore you will be so good as to send the whole of the correspondence that has passed between you and Sir Julian Goldsmid?—I will send the letters.

stated it all here in my statement, and perhaps it would be more convenient to read it.

18,121. If you have any statement that you would like to make, or to read to the Commissioners by all means do so?—I understood it was more in accordance with your wishes, and I have put it down in this form:—

“I resisted the desire of entering Parliament until I could be in a position to represent a county. This opportunity arose last year, and I was before the electors

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of Monmouthshire for some months as their intended candidate, but retired in favour of the present junior member for that county.

"Hearing that Sandwich wanted a Conservative, my solicitor sent his clerk, who was born in the borough, to make inquiries, and he learnt that Knatchbull-Hugessen and Brassey were much liked, all believing them at heart to be Conservatives, and that therefore it was useless to think of fighting against them; but that as it was well known Hugessen strongly objected to Gladstone's peace at any price policy, he would be sure to be shunted into the Lords with the first good colonial appointment open to him, and that then the party would welcome a Conservative, and they believed they could be sure of returning one. As both the late members were strangers to the borough, as far as living a long way off, a perfect stranger would be welcomed, there being no local Conservative or Whig who wished to enter Parliament. Mr. Spofforth told me I had better hear direct from his clerk all he had learnt about the borough before deciding to hold myself open to represent it, if called up, and from him I gathered that the general gossip of the place was that Mr. Tom Brassey was the first to pay heavily in his attempt to win the borough, his father having said he would get him in at any price, but he failed.

"That Henry Brassey's two winning elections cost 25,000*l.*, or some 11*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* or 11*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* per vote, he finding the money for himself and Knatchbull-Hugessen, because the latter did all the speaking. That it was commonly reported that many of the voters only actually got sums varying from 5*s.*, 10*s.*, 20*s.*, or 40*s.* of this money, and that the balance stuck to the fingers of the distributors, one of whom had lately died, leaving (for him) a large property. The method employed was, the distributors promised for the candidates so much money per man, and then as the money was some time in expectation, the promises of future payment were bought up for small sums by the distributors, which system was probably unknown to the candidates. As these two elections were before the Ballot Act came into operation, it would probably all be on the square at the next fight, although it might be expensive.

"On some Wednesday or Thursday in April, my solicitor received a letter to say the party would like to see Mr. Crompton Roberts, if he would receive a deputation, to which a reply was sent, that to save time I would come down by the 7.40 a.m. train on the following day. I did so, and hoped to return at night, but was met at the station and told to go to the "Royal Hotel," where some gentlemen would see me at 12 o'clock. At this meeting of some three to five, I was asked to remain until six, to see a larger meeting, which I addressed, and by whom I was questioned on my politics. They asked me to retire, and having kept me waiting a long time, regretted to have appeared so rude, but said that there were four candidates in the field, and that therefore they could not make up their minds that evening. As I could not then get back in time, even by driving to Dover, I asked all those who would like, to stay to dine with me, when they would have a chance of getting better acquainted. Some did so, and I left for London by the first train in the morning. I should, however, mention, that just as dinner was announced, one of the other candidates arrived. So as to be perfectly fair with him, I asked him to be my guest, that this section of the inhabitants might have a good opportunity of judging between us.

"On the following Tuesday, without any previous intimation, I was telegraphed for from Deal, and left within an hour. I believe I addressed the electors once or twice that night. I was anxious my solicitor, Mr. Spofforth, should have accompanied me, but he did not know if he might not be interfering with some local solicitor, and so I went to learn about this, and report.

"As Lord Braborne's patent was not gazetted, it was uncertain how many weeks the contest would last, Mr. Spofforth fearing his engagements would not permit him to give me his undivided attention, selected and sent me down the most celebrated electioneering agent of the day, Mr. Hughes, and wrote me, that he had better be my expenses agent, and that I might leave him to act for me with perfect confidence in every matter, as I should if he had been able to come himself.

"Having been a very hard worker all my life, and knowing the importance of a few hours start with a political adversary, I worked from early morning until late at night, disregarding my meals, and feeling severely the effects of the disorganisation of the Conservative party.

"Had I had the confidence of the borough a week before they finally sent for me, I could have canvassed every voter in half the hours I subsequently found necessary, as I am intimately acquainted with minute organisation. Your Commissioners have little idea of the labour of such a canvass, with no numbers on many of the doors, and messengers as sent with me very frequently not knowing where voters lived. In Sandwich things were infinitely better prepared for my canvass. I canvassed most of the opposite side, as well as those who were known Conservatives, and had much support from total abstainers, as my brothers had for years set that example to their men with a view to influence them for their good.

"To canvass must be hard work for anyone, but the most painful trial is to those who have been free-handed all their lives, to feel that they cannot relieve the misery they come across in a house to house visitation. In one house, I suddenly entered into a room, partially below the level of the street, where the woman burst into tears on my mentioning the object of my visit, and I had to retire on learning that they had just returned from the funeral of one child, having buried another the previous week, and that they had no food in the house. I am not quite sure these were the actual words used, but I believe they were. I could not get this scene out of my head all night, as to promise them future help would be just as bad as giving money before the election, and, therefore, told the messenger who accompanied me on the following morning that if it must be I would sooner lose the election by giving something in this case rather than be heartless enough to pass over such misery, and that he was therefore to take some money for that man for me, but to tell him not to vote. I do not know the man's name or whether he was a Conservative or Blue as I retired as soon as I had apologised for my intrusion on their affliction.

"With regard to taking so many public-houses I mentioned to Mr. Hughes (I think on meeting him in the street) that I thought it hardly fair to my opponent to take so many. He said that he wanted them for advertising stations, and that there would be plenty left for the other side. On another occasion when telling Mr. Hughes that I was being bothered by people catching hold of me in the streets and asking if they might not have some flags, he replied flags are illegal and I cannot authorise any until the other side start it.

"On Tuesday I heard Sir Julian had arrived and was to be my opponent. I met him within an hour and introduced myself hoping we should both work in a gentlemanly and pleasant way, for that I would sooner lose my chance of a seat in Parliament than my character as a gentleman. Within half an hour Sandwich was decked out in blue flags, which I thought must have come from some of Sir Julian's previous elections as they were so good and rapidly displayed.

"On my return to Deal I found blue flags everywhere, and one putting up between my house and one Sir Julian had thoughtfully taken next door to me, which was eventually covered with flaglets beautifully specifying all the leading Liberals, ministers, &c. with Bradlaugh among the number. We, therefore, on our side put up flags with my approval following the lead of Sir Julian and his party.

"Hearing that Sir Julian was to be made a Forester I thought I had better become one likewise, as I had heard very favourable reports of this society from my workmen, of whom several belonged to it, and after addressing a meeting in the Guildhall, Sandwich, I drove over to Walmer and found Sir Julian waiting my arrival to be introduced to the lodge which was held at a blue house. Before our introduction I asked Sir Julian to take care we neither did anything illegal, and to kindly look after me as well as himself, as he had so much more experience than I had in election matters. The meeting was a close one, and we were either told or had it pointed out in the rules, that politics were never permitted to be broached at them.

"Having understood that it was usual for new members to stand glasses round, I asked the president's permission to order them, and they were supplied at my expense, on which Sir Julian told me I was sailing very near the wind.

"I hear Sir Julian has made some statement that Mrs. Crompton Roberts gave some grocer an order for 20*l.* worth of goods. Mrs. Crompton Roberts has for many years had in her service a housekeeper, who attends to all such duties, if any goods were really ordered I will produce the bill. I may state that generally any tradesman from whom we purchased goods gave us full and fair value for our money, as far as was

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reported to us, in every way. In some cases, particularly wine, I had grave doubts as to whether I was nearly so well supplied in London by my wine merchants with whom I have dealt for nearly 30 years.

"With regard to fireworks I heard that 20*l.* worth had been ordered for the Bank Holiday Regatta, and having on, I think, two occasions spent more than this sum on fireworks for my children's birthday, I knew nothing worth giving the town could be had for that money, unless they got them very much cheaper than I could in London, I sent my butler privately to Messrs. Frost to learn (as if for his own information) what was going to be given for 20*l.* (not 50*l.* as stated by Sir Julian), and that if he thought the display would be too shabby he was to add what money from me he thought necessary. He reported that a much better display was to be given than I should have thought the money would provide, but that he had added 5*l.* to the order that had been given, and that he had paid the money. My reason for thus keeping this matter secret was that I did not wish anyone to think I was careless about the expenditure, or dissatisfied with their arrangements.

"The large inherited wealth of Sir Julian Goldsmid, and his known anxiety to re-enter the House after his late defeats, influenced my agent and supporters, and, no doubt, led to the determination not to be outdone by the other side.

"I am told that Sir Julian says that there were lots of treating and drunkenness at the election. I can safely say I never saw but one man a little gone all the time I was in the borough, and that I have never heard of any Conservative treating; but your Commissioners will by this time know more about the truth of this assertion than I can. Suffice it to say that although my opponent had made himself unpopular by rattling at people's doors if they did not at once answer his knock, yet on my request the crowd that had waited at Upper Deal to draw me home on my way back from Sandwich after the declaration of the poll, quietly dispersed in two or three minutes after I had addressed them and asked them to go quietly home to bed, when I appealed to their feelings by reminding them that was a pleasure to me must be painful to my next door neighbour who had lost.

"I understand that Royal Commissioners are not governed by the ordinary rules of evidence, and that when before you there may be something needing an explanation, or that has gone from my mind until a question may bring it back to me.

"Probably such stories as the following you may have heard, viz., the report that my opponent intended to retire before the nomination day, as he found he made so little way, and was so disliked by the electors, until his agents assured him that he would win if he continued the fight, and that he only did so on the conditions that they bore the further expense in the case of his failure, and he, if he won. They, thinking to win, accepted some such terms, believing that if they did their best a millionaire gentleman would reconquer them, and it was only on losing, and hearing that they hoped he would make good to them what they were out of pocket, the petition was decided upon.

"Let the above be wholly gossip, or partially true, this is the fragmentary tale that reached my ears, and explained why he should present a petition after his agents had been shown Liberal money received by Conservatives, while the votes were being cast up.

"I saw Sir Julian at the Orleans Club and asked him there if there was anything in my public speeches that had given him offence and a reason for his petitioning, when he told me I had treated him in a very gentlemanly way.

"I afterwards heard the tale I have mentioned above coupled with the 'on dit' in every quarter, that the useless money outlay was the sore point with Sir Julian, I asked a mutual friend to find out the reason for Sir Julian's hostility, because gentlemen do not usually petition when beaten with their own weapons, and although I told my friend I might stoop to offer to give up the seat and pay his expenses sooner than have the borough disfranchised where I had served my apprenticeship, although a costly one, I never for a moment expected that Sandwich, or any borough, would elect Sir Julian after he had made the place so hot.

"This idea may appear Quixotic on my part until you consider that I did not wish to throw more good money after bad, as my private solicitor had told me he believed from his investigations that I could not preserve the seat.

"As Sir Julian had commenced the bribery it was thought this would have great weight with him, but

perhaps he did not then think that that would saddle him with all the costs of getting up the petition. I feel it is useless my telling the Commissioners that hardly anyone knew less than I did, or was more astonished than I was, at the revelations extracted by the Commissioners. When I received the particulars for the petition I was astonished, and could not believe there was any truth in them until Mr. Spofforth informed me that there must be some fire where there was so much smoke. I was kept hard at work canvassing from the time of my arrival until the day of election, and was told I must not relax even for a day to attend to my business if I wished to succeed.

"I had the misfortune to break my tooth on the Sunday before going to Deal, and had an appointment with my dentist on the Wednesday after having gone down there, so that I was in agony every time I spoke, while wearing a hole in my cheek, but was told by Mr. Hughes that I must not relax my efforts, and that he meant to win me the election if he killed the candidate. If the borough was to be won in any but a legal way why make me work harder than ever I did in my life for a fortnight. I now believe I had won the election by fair means, and that Sir Julian's wealth frightened my assistants and made them at last distribute money inconsiderately. I do not believe undue influence was intended by taking the public-houses, nor that more than the 5*l.* was paid to any except where stated, nor that Mr. Hughes was at all aware at the time how near some houses were to the others when he allowed them to be engaged. 'I think Mr. Hughes will tell you 'that he never was in the town before.' I was unaware that any other illegal thing (besides what I have named) was going on, and I believe I have given you a conscientious statement of facts.

"I trust that the Commissioners will bear in mind that the issuing of this writ was delayed, although it might have been brought on much earlier, until various Liberal candidates had felt the pulse of the borough, and that for some days it was not known if the issue of the writ might not be delayed until after the holidays.

"It is probable that, had Sir Julian's vanity not been sorely hurt by the great majority with which he was beaten, this Commission would never have been issued; and I hope that you will in your judgment kindly contrast my utter inexperience in these matters with his legal education and his experience from repeated elections and defeats.

"Your Commissioners will desire to know what money was used by my side at this election and when the money was provided. Having ridden to business, where the telegram followed me on the morning of the day I was summoned to Deal, I had to go home to change, and in my hurry went without cash or cheque book; indeed I did not know but what I should be able to return on the following day to put my business and house in order for an absence.

"Before post time at Deal I wrote a cheque for 500*l.* to the order of my partner for security in transmission through the post, requesting him to take it himself to the bank, as there might be some difficulty in their cashing it as it was not on a printed form, and requested him to remit the proceeds by Mr. Spofforth, who I then expected was coming down to work the election for me. As Mr. Spofforth did not come to Deal, the money was brought me by Mr. Thomas, whom I desired to keep it, and pay ready money for everything, as I had all my life paid cash for every purchase and would not like to run into debt.

"Having summoned several friends to my assistance, taken a house, and sent for some servants, the latter brought me down my cheque book.

"In about three or four days Mr. Hughes required another 500*l.*, which I gave him, and on his again asking me for money I told him I must go up to London, as I did not know how my account stood, as I did not keep my private accounts. He said, 'Give me what you think 'you can spare, and then if I want more I can send to 'your partner; he will be sure to find the funds if you 'pencil him a note'; which I wrote while the train stood at the Sandwich station; this cheque was for 600*l.*, also made payable to Mr. Hoare, so that he would put it right for me if my account was overdrawn. In response to my note, I learnt sometime after the election was over that my partner had advanced 1,400*l.*; and, having heard from town that there was plenty of money on deposit, as 4,000*l.* had been moved from my current account at the commencement of the month, I subsequently drew three cheques of 500*l.* each and two for 1,000*l.* each, making altogether the total drawings for my election 6,500*l.*, viz., 4,000*l.* to the order of

Mr. Hughes and 500*l.*, 600*l.*, and 1,400*l.* as detailed above." That, gentlemen, is the exact state of the case.

18,122. What day was it that you first went down to Sandwich? I am not alluding to the day when you went down to meet some gentleman there and returned; but I am speaking of the time when you were summoned down upon the report that Mr. Hugessen was about to be raised to the peerage?—Tuesday the 4th May.

18,123. Prior to that, had there been anything said to you as to what would be the probable cost of contesting the borough?—Only what I have stated I gleaned from Mr. Spofforth's clerk.

18,124. What amount was that?—There was no sum named.

18,125. Are you alluding to the report that there had been 25,000*l.* spent in the two elections?—What Mr. Spofforth's clerk said, "As these two elections were before the Ballot Act came into operation it would probably be all on the square at the next fight, although it might be expensive"; that was the only information I had.

18,126. You had no information beyond the rumour of previous expenditure and a suggestion that at the next election things would be on the square, but would be expensive?—Yes, that is all.

18,127. No sum was mentioned to you?—No.

18,128. You went down one day before Mr. Hughes, I think?—Yes.

18,129. Did you take any steps when you went down then before his arrival beyond your canvassing?—I spoke at two meetings, I think.

18,130. I suppose you met some of the leading men of the Conservative party?—Yes, I met a great many men whose faces I had never seen before.

18,131. Did you know anything at all about the public-houses having been engaged by Mr. Olds or anybody prior to Mr. Hughes coming down?—No, nothing at all.

18,132. Do I understand that you left the management of the election mainly in Mr. Hughes' hands?—Entirely.

18,133. You have told us that you spoke to him about thinking the number of public-houses excessive, and that you made some observation in respect of the flags, but beyond what you have told us did you interfere in any way in the expenditure upon flags, public-houses, rosettes, or any such expenses?—I did nothing but canvass and speak at public meetings.

18,134. Were you aware of the extent to which Mr. Hughes was embarking in any of those expenditures?—No, not the slightest. I did not know he was spending any money that way.

18,135. With regard to the employment of canvassers and messengers, were you aware of what was being done?—I was not consulted about anything.

18,136. Were you at all made acquainted as to the number being employed, or being paid?—I had nothing to do with it in any way—I knew nothing. I never was in an election before, and knew nothing about it.

18,137. There appears to have been a large sum paid by you from time to time to him, or to Mr. Thomas acting for him. Did you make any enquiry as to how that money was being expended?—No, never.

18,138. With regard to the first 500*l.*, when was that sent down to Deal?—Upon the 5th.

18,139. Who are your bankers in London?—The London Joint Stock.

18,140. Have you any other banker in London?—No other private banker. We have an account at the London and County, Albert Gate branch, where we keep a balance for house purposes.

18,141. The London Joint Stock are your principal bankers, but you have a banking account at the London and County, Albert Gate branch?—Yes, close to Belgrave Square.

18,142. Have you no account at Glyn's?—No.

18,143. Was this first cheque for 500*l.* drawn upon the London Joint Stock bank?—Yes.

18,144. And was sent up to your partner to get cashed for you?—Yes.

18,145. Here is your pass book. I think this is the cheque, "May 5th, Hoare, 500*l.*"

18,146. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What does "225" mean?—I do not keep my own private accounts, and that means the folio where the different things are carried in my private ledger—that acts as a cash book.

18,147. (*Mr. Holl.*) How was this 500*l.* transmitted to you at Deal?—It was brought me down by Mr. Thomas.

18,148. Was that in notes, or in gold, or how?—In gold.

18,149. Did you ask to have it transmitted in gold?—No.

18,150. You do not know how it came to be remitted in gold, or what was the reason of it?—No.

18,151. Had Mr. Hoare had any experience in electioneering matters do you know?—None whatever.

18,152. Mr. Thomas brought it down?—Yes.

18,153. It was given by Mr. Hoare to Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Thomas brought it down to you?—Yes.

18,154. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Was Mr. Thomas sent up by you to London?—No, I had never seen Mr. Thomas before.

18,155. Then I do not follow it. You sent the cheque yourself to Mr. Hoare?—Yes.

18,156. In a letter?—Yes.

18,157. And Mr. Hoare is your partner?—Yes.

18,158. Did Mr. Hoare give the 500 sovereigns to Mr. Thomas?—I asked him to remit it to Mr. Spofforth thinking he was coming down to work the election for me.

18,159. Did you do it by telegram?—No, it was a letter, because I enclosed the cheque.

18,160. (*Mr. Holl.*) Have you a copy of the letter?—No.

18,161. As nearly as you can tell me what the contents of the letter were?—"I am sorry to have left town without seeing you, but I am summoned to Deal. I left by the four something train without money enough to pay for the tickets. I suppose some money will be wanted. I have not a cheque book with me. Please get this cheque cashed as it is on blank paper, unstamped, and they may make some difficulty. Please take it yourself to the bank and remit the proceeds to Spofforth who is coming down to work the election for me." That is about as near as I can recollect it.

18,162. Thomas brought down the money?—Yes.

18,163. Which is the next cheque you drew in connexion with the election (*handing the pass book to the witness*)?—This one, "Cobs, 500*l.*"

18,164. That is May 8th, the first cheque being dated, May 5th?—Yes.

18,165. Can you tell me why it was drawn payable to "Cobs"?—Between going to Deal on Thursday I went down to see some horses and hounds sold at Rugby and Leicester, and I had already written "Cobs" on one of the cheques, and when the cheque book came down to me and I was asked for money "Cobs" was upon the cheque, and thinking inasmuch as it was payable to bearer it did not matter what was upon the cheque I left it so.

18,166. What was done with that cheque?—It was handed to Mr. Hughes.

18,167. Have you got these cheques?—No, I do not keep the cheques.

18,168. Would your bankers have them?—No, these cheques were taken down at the trial of the petition, and I have not seen them since. The judges had them then, but whether they have got them now or not, I do not know.

18,169. I do not think that this cheque to Mr. Hoare was mentioned at all before the judges, though there was a cheque mentioned as having been paid to Mr. Hughes upon the 8th no doubt?—That will be the first one he had.

18,170. I do not think that this bank book was produced before the judges—there was a bank book connected with the account opened at Deal produced, but not this book. None of these cheques were produced and perhaps you will ascertain whether they are at the bank?—It is certain that the bankers have not got them because whenever the bank pass book comes back the cheques are returned in the pocket.

18,171. I suppose you could keep the cheques?—I have looked everywhere for those cheques, but I was under the impression that the secretary had them, or the judges had them.

18,172. I am quite sure that they were not handed in. (*Mr. Edwin Hughes.*) Mr. Spofforth produced them to the judges, they were there, but not looked at.

18,173. (*Mr. Holl.*) You think Mr. Spofforth would have them?

(*Mr. Edwin Hughes.*) Yes.

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18,174. (*Mr. Holl.*) That cheque was given to Mr. Hughes, do you know whether that is the cheque with which he opened the account at Sandwich. Was that cheque cashed in London and the money brought down by him?—I have no idea. The cheque for 500*l.* to "Cobs" was the first amount I personally paid to Mr. Hughes.

18,175. What Mr. Hughes did with that cheque I suppose you personally do not know?—I have not the slightest idea.

18,176. Then the next cheque apparently is unconnected with the election "Self 300*l.*?"—No, that is nothing to do with the election.

18,177. It had nothing to do with the election either directly or indirectly?—No.

18,178. And none of the proceeds were appropriated in any way to the election?—No.

18,179. Then the next cheque is "Hoare 600*l.*," was that sent up to your partner to get cashed?—No, the 600*l.* is what I thought was all I could spare at the time from the bank, and that was handed to Mr. Hughes.

18,180. You drew a cheque upon Mr. Hoare?—No, I drew a cheque with the name Hoare upon it.

18,181. You drew a cheque payable to "Hoare" and handed it to Mr. Hughes for 600*l.*?—Yes.

18,182. When was that handed to Mr. Hughes?—Mr. Hughes will know better than I do, but I have an idea in my head that it was handed to him in the train. I was going over to Sandwich to canvass by the five minutes past 8, or five minutes to 8 train, and I will not be sure whether I saw Mr. Hughes at my house just as I was starting to the train, or whether I gave it to him in the train, but what is firmly fixed in my mind is that after I got out at the station at Sandwich Mr. Hughes said, "If this should not be enough pencil me a note to your partner so that if I want more money he can put it straight," or "he can find it," I forget the exact words.

18,183. Are you sure that took place in reference to this cheque for 600*l.*?—That conversation took place certainly within half an hour of the time of giving the cheque, or it might have been two minutes. The cheque for 600*l.* was made out as being for the largest sum my account would stand at that particular date, because I do not keep the account myself, and I did not know what money was there, and I wanted to go up to London to see.

18,184. You either gave the cheque at your house, where you were staying at Deal, or else you gave it to Mr. Hughes in the train when going to Sandwich?—Yes.

18,185. I understand that you handed that cheque to Mr. Hughes yourself?—Yes, certainly.

18,186. With respect to that 600*l.* did you know what use was made of it, or what was done with it?—No, I have not the slightest idea.

18,187. Then I think you say you gave a pencil note to Mr. Hughes upon a piece of paper?—Yes, a piece torn off a newspaper.

18,188. What was the purport of that pencil note?—"Should Mr. Hughes send to you requiring more money" (it was put much shorter than that) "let him have it," or something of that sort.

18,189. That was addressed to your partner?—Yes.

18,190. The purport of it, whatever the precise language may have been, a request to your partner to let Mr. Hughes have any further money he might require?—Yes. Let me say here that this cheque for 600*l.* was made payable to my partner because I did not know what funds I had in the bank, and my reason for giving this order as it were upon my partner was until I knew what money was there I could not keep on giving cheques.

18,191. (*Mr. Jeune.*) That does not quite explain why the cheque should have been drawn to Mr. Hoare and not to Mr. Hughes?—The impression left upon my mind is this, I thought that if I had overdrawn the account my partner, who is a ready money man, would make my account square as far as the 600*l.* goes, and they would cash it without any difficulty, my partner would say, "If Mr. Crompton Roberts' account is overdrawn I will make it up."

18,192. The cheque was given to Mr. Hughes?—I do not know whether Mr. Hughes presented it.

18,193. Was it an "order" cheque, or "bearer" cheque?—I cannot say, all my cheques are made out to bearer, but as you know by running a line through it makes it to order.

18,194. If it were a mere bearer cheque in the hands of Mr. Hughes, the credit of Mr. Hoare, however good it might be, would not influence the bank?—No, but if Mr. Hoare took the cheque and said, "Here is my partner wants cash, and if he is short of funds let me know, and I will square his account."

18,195. But you had given it to Mr. Hughes?—Mr. Hughes took it along with the pencil note from me to Mr. Hoare.

18,196. The intention was that Mr. Hughes should, either himself or by some agent, send the cheque to Mr. Hoare, and get the money from or through him?—Yes, quite so.

18,197. At the same time you gave Mr. Hughes a note to get further moneys if he required it?—Yes.

18,198. Do you know how that money was received by Mr. Hoare or paid to Mr. Hughes?—No.

18,199. Do you know whether Mr. Hughes received the 600*l.* or one of his clerks?—I do not.

18,200. Of course you do not know how it was transmitted, whether in gold, notes, or how?—No, I know nothing about it.

18,201. Then the next cheque is dated, 15th May, made payable to Mr. Hughes, 500*l.*?—Yes.

18,202. Was that cheque given to him at Deal or Sandwich?—At Deal.

18,203. What was done with that; I presume you do not know?—No.

18,204. Then, upon the 18th, I see "Hughes 1,000*l.*," and upon the 19th, again "Hughes 1,000*l.*?"—Yes.

18,205. Those were both cheques given to Mr. Hughes at Deal or Sandwich?—Yes, at Deal.

18,206. One upon the day of the election, and one the day after?—Yes.

18,207. Then there was 1,400*l.*, I think you say, drawn from Mr. Hoare, your partner?—Yes.

18,208. Do you know on what date that was advanced?—Speaking from memory, I think it was the 11th or 12th of May, but I will not be sure.

18,209. Do you know whether that was paid by your partner to Mr. Hughes personally or to Mr. Thomas?—I do not know anything about it. I only heard about it when we came to settle up partnership profits, six weeks after the election I think it was.

18,210. Was that the first that you heard of the advance of 1,400*l.*?—Yes.

18,211. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Mr. Hughes got that 1,400*l.*?—Yes, I have heard so.

18,212. You do not know whether it was paid to him personally, or to whom it was paid?—Not at all. I merely know that I am debited with it by my partner.

18,213. Did you inquire of Mr. Hughes whether he had, upon the strength of your note to your partner, obtained any further money?—No, I did not know anything about it till it was brought to my mind when settling up the partnership profits.

18,214. Mr. Hughes did not mention to you that he had got further money from your partner at that time?—No.

18,215. Do I understand you to say, that neither your partner nor Mr. Hughes ever mentioned that this 1,400*l.* had been advanced by your partner to Mr. Hughes until the time you mention, when you came to settle up accounts?—Just so.

18,216. That was the first you heard of it?—Yes.

18,217. Do you know how that was given to Mr. Hughes, whether in notes or gold?—I have no idea.

18,218. Did it occur to you that it was giving Mr. Hughes rather unlimited authority to get money from your partner to write him that note?—Mr. Spofforth told me that Mr. Hughes was the most celebrated electioneering agent of the day, and I was to give him my unlimited confidence, and I did so.

18,219. You see that that note that you wrote gave him the power, I will not say of drawing an unlimited amount of money, but, comparatively speaking, an unlimited amount from your partner?—I should not have given it to him if I had not had confidence in the introduction.

18,220. You did not ask him at all whether he had made use of it, or to what extent?—No, not at all; and I was perfectly unaware of it until the time I have mentioned.

18,221. Did you at all abstain from making any inquiry?—About what?

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18,222. About whether he had made use of it, or to what extent. Had you any reason for abstaining from inquiring?—No reason, except that I was so busily occupied that I do not know that I thought more about it. I was certainly astonished, when the election was over, that 600*l.* had not been enough at that time. 600*l.* was all that I thought I had at the bank at the time, and when afterwards I heard that that cheque had been drawn upon the authority that I had given to Mr. Hughes, I was certainly astonished.

18,223. (*Mr. Holl.*) Besides the 600*l.*, you gave him upon the 15th, 500*l.*, and upon the 18th again 1,000*l.*?—Quite right; but I say at that time, the 12th or 13th of May, I was astonished when I heard that 1,400*l.* had been drawn, that the 600*l.* at that particular time had not been enough.

18,224. You were astonished to find that 1,400*l.* had been drawn in excess of what already had been paid?—Yes.

18,225. I understand you to say you had no knowledge whatever of this 1,400*l.* having been used in any way?—Not till so many weeks after the election.

18,226. That cheque was drawn upon the 11th or 12th you say?—I think so, speaking from memory.

18,227. I suppose you have now no idea how it was spent, unless it was that money that was sent down to Mr. Olds?—I have never heard how it was used yet. From the newspapers I have gathered it.

18,228. We, as far as we can gather, see that a sum of 1,700*l.* went down to Mr. Olds, and was distributed?—I had no idea of that whatever.

18,229. I may take it that it is probable that this 1,400*l.*, together with some other part of the 6,000*l.*, was sent down and distributed in the way you have seen described in the newspapers?—I do not know. Mr. Hughes will know all about that; I have no idea myself.

18,230. Then I see upon the 29th there is another cheque to Mr. Hughes for 500*l.*, and a further cheque, dated, 3rd June 500*l.*, to Mr. Hughes?—In regard to that cheque, I had better mention that Mr. Hughes did not ask for that sum. I said that I hated drawing cheques like this, and I would like to settle the matter up, and I would give him 500*l.*, and let him return any balance that there was; I would sooner give him too much than have anything standing against me.

18,231. Is that all the money that you paid to Mr. Hughes?—Yes, every penny.

18,232. That is altogether 5,100*l.*, independently of the 1,400*l.*, making 6,500*l.*?—Yes.

18,233. So that you were aware that the amount which you paid to Mr. Hughes, independently of the 1,400*l.*, was 5,100*l.*?—Yes.

18,234. Independently even of the last 500*l.*, it was 4,600*l.*, and did not that seem a large sum to you?—I had no idea of the cost of an election; I had never had anything to do with it, nor had I any personal friend who was elected.

18,235. Did you make any inquiry of Mr. Hughes as to how this large sum had been expended?—I was told by Mr. Spofforth to treat Mr. Hughes as if it were himself, so I was like a child in his hands.

18,236. Was it your impression that this had been expended in what you may call legitimate expenses in the election?—I had no idea, until I read the papers, what the cost of getting into Parliament was.

18,237. Had you no knowledge or idea whatever that money was being sent down to Mr. Olds to distribute amongst the electors?—No, none whatever.

18,238. Do I understand you to say that you had no knowledge whatever that money was being distributed amongst the leading, or what I may call the active, men upon the Conservative side for the purpose of being redistributed by them amongst the electors?—I had no idea of what was done with a penny of the money, excepting some payment at the Guildhall at Sandwich; I heard of a cheque being paid there to the returning officer, but that is the only amount I knew of or heard of being spent.

18,239. I want to ask you this. Without knowing precisely as to where and how the money was being spent, were you aware that money was being paid or distributed amongst the leading men in Sandwich and Deal upon the Conservative side for the purpose of influencing the voters?—I had no idea that a penny was spent.

18,240. I am not now upon the 1,400*l.* that you were not aware of, but with regard to the 3,100*l.* which was paid to Mr. Hughes on or before the day of the election,

how did you suppose that money was being expended?—I had no idea at all.

18,241. Then you give a cheque for 1,000*l.* a day after that, making 4,100*l.* up to that time. How did you suppose that money was being disbursed?—I had not any idea whatever.

18,242. They are very large sums even for a wealthy man. Did you never inquire of Mr. Hughes how and in what way these very large sums were being made use of and disbursed?—It has always been my plan if I give confidence to anyone until I find they have ill-treated me to continue that confidence. I never thought of asking him, and I had no idea but that it was used in the usual electioneering expenses.

18,243. One would have thought that it would occur to you to inquire in some way how so large a sum of money as 4,100*l.* was being employed?—With my present experience I should certainly ask that, but unfortunately, I was quite a baby as to what was the cost of an election.

18,244. It was not a very large borough, and therefore the expenses of canvassing and so forth one would assume would not be very large?—I was fool enough to think I did all the canvassing.

18,245. Then that would make it appear more strange to you that so large a sum of money should be required for the purposes of the election, and one would have thought that you would have elected to make some inquiry as to how the money was being disbursed?—I wish I had now.

18,246. I will ask you the question plainly; did you abstain purposely from making any inquiry because you did not wish to know?—No.

18,247. I think you were staying at the time at the "Royal Hotel"?—Yes, until we engaged a private house.

18,248. The expenditure that seems to have taken place during your stay would seem to be a very large amount. I have here a paper handed to us by Mr. Spofforth. You were about a fortnight, I think, at Deal?—Yes, between that and three weeks.

18,249. You left upon the 19th; you were there about 16 days?—17 days it is.

18,250. From the account I hold in my hand the amount of money you disbursed in the borough during those 16 or 17 days appears to be somewhere about 500*l.* Look at that account (*handing paper*)?—Yes, it looks something like that.

18,251. It includes some cash which appears to have been given to you or Captain Roberts, and that brings it up to over 600*l.*, and the whole of that amount appears to have been disbursed during those 16 or 17 days?—This seems to be a statement that I drew up for the purpose of knowing the total cost of the election to me. I do not know how you got hold of this paper, but I am surprised it is not more.

18,252. Do you know in whose handwriting this is?—I think it is in the handwriting of my butler.

18,253. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Is it in the handwriting of Mrs. Steadman, your housekeeper?—Yes, it may be.

18,254. (*Mr. Holl.*) The notes upon it are in your handwriting?—Yes, those in black ink are mine. I am surprised it is not more, because I spend more every week a great deal than that independently of any election. Of course, if a man has 600*l.* a year, 300*l.* would be a large item; but if you spend 20,000*l.*, 30,000*l.*, or 40,000*l.* a year it would be a small item.

18,255. Do I understand that your ordinary expenditure is equal to this?—More than that; three times as much, I should think.

18,256. There seems to be large payments to tradesmen—33*l.* to the butchers, for instance?—I could show you by the housekeeping book that our account is more than that.

18,257. Then I see, "Royal Hotel, 41*l.* 6*s.*"?—With regard to the "Royal Hotel," I was very much impressed with the honesty of the charges, and the other hotels treated me in a very different way.

18,258. Then I see, "Crompton Roberts, cash 5*l.*; "Crompton Roberts, cash 20*l.*; cash, 9*l.* and 10*l.*; cash, "60*l.*"—do you know how those moneys were disbursed?—I have not the slightest idea. Let me mention this. The house that I took at Deal was what you would call a superior lodging-house. I think I paid 12*l.* 12*s.* a week for it. The door was always open, and I was out the whole of the day, and my family also, and therefore I did not carry any money about with me, and I asked the housekeeper to take charge of any money that I had.

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I went without any money in my pocket anywhere, and any moneys that I did spend not only during my stay in Deal, but for any other purposes connected with my establishment in London, or my establishment in Monmouthshire, might have come out of this sum.

18,259. There appears to have been 104*l.* in cash given to you at one time, which appears amongst all the household expenses, the expenses of your establishment, stables, and so forth?—Yes. I am quite certain in my own mind that, if they are put down here, Mrs. Steadman must have paid me the moneys, because she has been with us a great many years; but I cannot charge my memory in regard to them at all.

18,260. Do you remember how you could have disbursed so large a sum as 104*l.* in Deal?—I am quite certain that those amounts were for no purposes of the election whatever; that I am quite positive about, because if they had been, it would have fixed itself upon my mind.

18,261. Can you remember at all for what purpose you could require so large a sum as over 100*l.*?—No, I have no idea.

18,262. You see if you had sent down moneys to Monmouthshire you would have done that by cheque?—Yes, that is so, no doubt.

18,263. I confess from what I saw at Deal makes one think that it would be a difficult matter to spend 100*l.* in the time; there is not much to tempt one?—I am sorry that I cannot give you any information. If I had seen this account lately I would have tried to puzzle out how the money went.

18,264. Then I see again lower down, "Crompton Roberts, cash 10*l.*; cash 10*l.*; cash 30*l.*; Captain Roberts, cash 20*l.*," so that it appears to be, independently of all the household account, which appears to have been paid separately, nearly 400*l.*, there is 170*l.* odd paid to you personally in cash, and what one would like to know is this, whether you can give any idea as to how so large a sum as that would be disbursed apart from the expenditure of the house, which seems to be entered all separately?—I am sorry that I cannot recollect.

18,265. Can you give any idea as to how any of it could have been spent?—I am quite certain that if it had been spent for what you call electioneering purposes it would be fixed upon my mind, but I make that out to be less than 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* a year, and if you spend 30,000*l.* a year in a general way you cannot be expected to carry such things in your head. Up to the time I was married I used to balance my account every night, but after I was married I found that was out of the question.

18,266. You might not remember your expenditure if you were in a place like London, but it seems to me to be a large amount to be able to spend in Deal without your being able to account for how the money went; there is no field, if I may use such an expression, for spending a great deal of money there?—I am very sorry that I did not keep a debtor and creditor account, but I have no idea now as to how it was spent.

18,267. Do you think that the money really came to you, or was it given to anyone else; did it pass through your hands?—I do not suppose for a moment but that whoever made up the account made it up quite correctly. I should think it all went to me.

18,268. Do you think it went through your hands, or that it was paid to other people?—I have no doubt it went through my hands, or at any rate by my order was expended.

18,269. Did you give any orders, do you think, for these moneys to be paid any persons there?—No, I do not think so. I may safely say that no money was paid to anybody out of those sums whatever.

18,270. However rich a man might be, and however he might be in the habit of spending large sums, it does appear to me difficult to see how you could disburse so large a sum as that without in any way knowing, or being able to account for, how it went?—I have not the slightest doubt but that at the time I perfectly knew how every one of those sums had gone, because I see I have gone carefully through each item, and appear to have ticked every item, so that I must have had the different things explained to me at the time, but I am quite certain that the money never went for my election expenses.

18,271. The total amount of this account, including this cash to you, amounts to 529*l.*, expended in 16 or 17 days?—Yes.

18,272. Who gave you the explanation as to how these sums had been spent?—It appears to be rather different

writing from the housekeeper's, but I suppose it is Mrs. Crompton Roberts' housekeeper, and that account I have gone carefully through after we returned to London.

18,273. These ticks are yours?—Yes, all those dark ink marks are mine.

18,274. Does not that enable you to recollect how these different sums, amounting to 170*l.* or 180*l.* were disbursed?—I am sorry that I cannot give you any particulars about it.

18,275. Do you think that your housekeeper could give any explanation as to how these moneys were expended?—Only as to those where she has figured out the amount. I should not think of telling the housekeeper what I was going to do with money that she gave me. I do not know whether I have made myself clear, but at a place like Sandwich I could not carry money about with me in canvassing, and there was no place in the lodging-house where I could lock up anything.

18,276. What I am drawing attention to is this. It occurs to me that in London or Paris one can easily imagine spending 200*l.* or 300*l.*, and not knowing what had become of it; that, no doubt, would be easy to do; but really, looking at the kind of things that a gentleman in your position could buy in Deal, it seems impossible to be able to spend such an amount of money without knowing in what way it was disbursed. There is no shop where you would be likely to be tempted to buy anything of any value, and it does appear, I confess, to be a very large amount to have been disbursed in the course of 16 or 17 days, without being able to remember in any way how so large an amount as that was disbursed?—I am sorry that I should not have seen this paper before, because I might have been able then to fish up some particulars about it; but I have no recollection now, and I cannot charge my memory with any one of those sums.

18,277. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you buy anything yourself personally, or give any orders at shops while you were at Deal?—I bought an old fashioned silver snuff-box.

18,278. Having recollected that, I suppose you can say what else?—No, I cannot.

18,279. What did it cost?—The man let me have it at half its value. I know I should have paid three times as much for it in London.

18,280. How much did you pay for it?—2*l.*, or something of that sort.

18,281. That does not go far in the 170*l.*?—No; but that is the only thing I can recollect, and I have been trying to think it over.

18,282. Did you do any treating?—No, not a glass of beer to anybody. I was so cautioned by Mr. Hughes, that every expenditure must come through his hands. So far as I can recollect his words, they were, "Every expenditure must come through my hands, and there must be no treating of any kind, and I will do my best for you." That was the sort of remark he made when we first met. He said, "Are you agreeable to my being expenses agent?" I said, "Yes;" and he said, "If I am, everything must go through my hands."

18,283. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you think that any portion of this money was paid to Mr. Hughes, or any party connected with the Conservative party, for them to expend in any way?—No, I am quite certain it was not.

18,284. I do not mean Mr. Hughes, but others connected with the party?—No, I never came across anybody for that purpose.

18,285. Did you authorise anyone to get any money from Mrs. Steadman?—Not that I am aware of.

18,286. I am sure you will see the thing in the same way as I do. 170*l.* is handed to you in money in the course of 16 or 17 days, and it does strike one that you ought to be able to give some account as to how that was spent in a place like Deal?—I quite see it.

18,287. The very fact of remembering about the snuff-box would make one think that you ought, in some way, to be able to account for it?—I thought of that, because I found the snuff-box, this morning, accidentally.

18,288. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did the money ever come to you at all, and was it not something that you authorised to be paid, and which Mrs. Steadman paid for you, and put it down as being to your order?—It is possible, but I cannot charge my memory.

18,289. Naturally enough you would not carry much money about in your pockets, but that makes it all the more strange that Mrs. Steadman should have given you 170*l.* in sovereigns. No one would carry that about in their pockets?—No.

18,290. Are you sure that neither you, nor Mr. Hughes by your order, told anybody that they might get money from Mrs. Steadman?—I am quite sure of that.

18,291. (*Mr. Holl.*) This occurs to us. You say you wish that you had seen this paper before, and inasmuch as you have not had an opportunity of considering it, and seeing it, if you so desire, we will let you consider it and see whether you can bring back your recollection?—I very much wish I could; because, as a man of business I see that it looks stupid to you; but I very much regret that I have not kept any account of it.

18,292. We thought that possibly in thinking it over, you may be able to refresh your recollection?—With your permission, I will take it and consider it.

18,293. It is possible that you may be able to get some clue to it from the housekeeper in whose handwriting it is. Perhaps you will be able to remember in what way those sums were made use of?—I will try to refresh my recollection.

18,294. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You were good enough to say just now that these figures in the pass book are references to your ledger. This is the ledger, I think, which you directed Mr. Spofforth to produce (*handing book*)?—Yes.

18,295. Take, for example, folio 225, "Hoare, 500*l.*, and the date is May 5th?—Yes, it appears here, but it has no business to be here.

18,296. Then the one before that is folio 41, and the next is folio 41. Do those correspond in the same way?—No, that goes into the house account. This is supposed to be a ledger, and only those things ought to come in which are loans or additions to property. I have not seen this book since it was posted to Mr. Hoare. I should like to mention privately, that this is a ledger opened since 1871, and there is an account in it where my partner, before he was a partner with me, had a loan from me, and therefore when the name of "Hoare" appears in the bank book without any reference to me, that is how it got into this ledger under the name of "Hoare."

18,297. What is folio 41?—That is the house account, and I will bring the house account next time if you like.

18,298. That is a separate book?—Yes.

18,299. Now folio 146; what is that?—That is "Extra payments continued," and there is a heading here "Sandwich election."

18,300. What would seem to appear under the head of "Sandwich election?—"May 8th. To Sandwich election—Hughes, 500*l.*; ditto, May 15th, 500*l.*; May 18th, 1,000*l.*; May 19th, 1,000*l.*; May 29th, 500*l.*; June 3rd, 500*l.*"

18,301. Those were the cheques given by you to Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

18,302. (*Mr. Holl.*) That does not include the 600*l.* cheque?—No, that has gone as if it were a debt to Mr. Hoare.

18,303. That has been posted to Mr. Hoare, it being drawn in his name?—Yes. There is a memorandum here, "Query 5 per cent.," and that means whether he was to pay 5 per cent. upon it.

18,304. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Was it upon Mr. Hughes' suggestion that you gave him cheques drawn to your partner and not drawn to Mr. Hughes?—No.

18,305. That was your own doing?—Yes; so that my partner might see that there was 600*l.* in the bank. I wanted to go up to London, to see the state of the banking account, and the cheque was made payable to my partner, with the view of his going himself to put my account right if there was not money enough.

18,306. With regard to the pencil order which you gave on your partner to Mr. Hughes, was that a suggestion of Mr. Hughes to you?—Yes.

18,307. Did he give you a reason why you should give him an unlimited order?—My impression was that Mr. Hughes thought that I ought to have been able to give him more than 600*l.* It is quite possible he may have asked for 1,000*l.* My impression was that he thought I ought to have been able to give him more than 600*l.*, and I told him that I thought that was all I had at the bank.

18,308. Did Mr. Hughes say nothing else besides that?—He said, "Should I require any more, your partner will find the funds," or something of that sort.

18,309. Did Mr. Hughes tell you how much he intended to get from your partner by means of this pencil

note of yours?—I did not know that he intended to get any.

18,310. He would hardly have asked for a note, and you would hardly have given it, if there was no intention to use it?—"Should I want more" was the expression he used.

18,311. Did you make no enquiry as to how much more he would probably want?—No. My impression was when he had the 1,000*l.* a day or two afterwards that he had not had any; at all events, I had no idea that he had.

18,312. It strikes me as a little odd, having given an unlimited order a day or two before, that you should afterwards give a cheque for a 1,000*l.* Why could he not have got the 500*l.* and the 1,000*l.* from your partner, you having given an unlimited order?—Because I had heard that my account was in order; if there was not plenty at the current account there was plenty at the deposit account.

18,313. Did you not ask Mr. Hughes whether he had made any use of the order you had given him?—No; it did not strike me, because I did not suppose that he had.

18,314. You say that you found out that he had drawn the 1,400*l.* about six weeks afterwards?—I do not think I knew of it till the next drawing of all the partners for the profits.

18,315. I will not follow this at the moment, because we have agreed that you shall come again; you canvassed yourself, personally, Deal, Walmer, and Sandwich?—Yes.

18,316. We have your canvassing book for Sandwich; have you got a similar canvassing book for Deal and Walmer?—No, they had not got anything ready, and I used bits of paper and envelopes. Sandwich was the only place where they were ready in that respect.

18,317. You had bits of paper upon which you wrote the same notes as you did in the canvassing book for Sandwich?—Yes, it was rather an expensive plan, but the notes were made chiefly on envelopes.

18,318. As fast as you wrote upon those envelopes you handed them over to the person engaged in managing those matters?—Somebody met me at an appointed place; suppose I left off at one point at night, I met whoever was to go with me at an appointed place the following day, and, as regards Deal and Walmer, I had envelopes or pieces of paper. I requested the people to sort them in the order I should take them, but I found they could not do it, and I had to make the best arrangement I could, and as fast as I called upon the people I took an envelope from here and put it into this pocket, and at the expiration of the day I emptied my pocket of the envelopes, with the remarks I had made upon them.

18,319. And those you handed over to the man who went with you?—Yes, who took them to Mr. Hughes, or the committee, or whoever sent him with me. I should be obliged if you will allow me to mention this; somebody has told me, and, unfortunately, I have not seen all the papers containing the evidence, that a remark has been made about my brother, and by this pass book you will see that a 100*l.* cheque is drawn in his favour. My object in troubling you now is that it so happens that he is in the room, and if you want to ask him any questions you can. After I got home from the election I found screwed up in one of my pockets these accounts of how he had spent the 100*l.* (*producing papers*); for instance, we have here the "Black Horse Hotel" bill where I had some friends staying, and he was good enough to pay that bill for me. The bill was made out to the amount of 20*l.* 9*s.*, but my brother being paymaster and thoroughly understanding the proper prices, had that bill reduced by 4*l.* 14*s.*, therefore, making the payment to the hotel 15*l.* 15*s.* Then, at the "Queen's Hotel," I had some other friends staying, because my house was too small to take them all in, and the bill was made out for 34*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*; he told me he considered the amount very high, indeed, and out of regard to my pocket he made the landlord content with 28*l.* Then I had some friends staying at the "Royal Hotel," and that was a very fair bill, and I find that my brother paid that amount in full; in fact, he seems to have paid 1*d.* more. The amount came to 27*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.*, and he gave 28*l.* The balance that my brother had was 17*l.* 9*s.*, and that with the amounts of the bills that he paid makes the 100*l.* exactly, with which you will find he is debited by cheque here. If you would wish to ask my brother any questions, he is now in the room.

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18,320. I do not think we shall have to trouble Captain Roberts?—That is a statement of how the 100*l.* was spent; somebody stated that it was mentioned in the paper that he had been bribing, and I thought you would like to know it.

18,321. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is this; “Simmonds 72*l.*” Do you know what that was for?—It is Mr. Spofforth’s clerk named Simmonds, and I should think that was a payment to him.

18,322. Do you know what it was for?—No. If my memory serves me right, Mr. Simmonds went down with me the day I first went down of all, and then he was at Deal, on and off, the whole time of the election.

18,323. Was that a payment made by you to him, do you think?—I do not know, I am sure; it is only brought back to my mind by your pointing it out to me.

18,324. Perhaps you will think it over, and see if you can remember it?—I will try and do so.

F. F. Belsey.

FRANCIS FLINT BELSEY sworn and examined.

18,325. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You live at Rochester, I believe?—Yes.

18,326. What is your occupation?—I am now retired, I was a corn merchant.

18,327. You have been acquainted with Sir Julian Goldsmid for a considerable time?—Yes.

18,328. How long?—For the last 12 or 13 years, I should think; since he has represented the city, and perhaps a little time before that.

18,329. You have been a supporter of his all that time?—Yes.

18,330. I think you have been on his committee, the Liberal committee, I think he called it?—No, I have been an active member.

18,331. Have you had anything to do with the management of his affairs at Rochester?—Not as regards the financial arrangements, I have had a good deal to do with the organisation of canvassing and speaking at meetings and so on, but I have never had anything to do with the financial arrangements in any way.

18,332. Sir Julian Goldsmid or somebody asked you to go and speak for him at Sandwich?—Yes, he telegraphed to me.

18,333. And you went down when?—Upon the Wednesday.

18,334. And you spoke at a meeting that evening?—Yes.

18,335. What day did you go back to Rochester?—Very early Thursday morning.

18,336. We have heard that you went to Mr. Foord, what conversation did you have with Sir Julian Goldsmid upon the subject of your going to Mr. Foord?—Sir Julian Goldsmid told me that his agents had been asking him for a sum of money, about 1,500*l.*, and he wanted that promptly to meet the expenses of the election, he had decided to remain and fight it and therefore the money had to be found, it was rather a lavish place for expenditure and he requested me to see Messrs. Foord, old friends of his, and ask them whether they would immediately send down the money and I did. I did not see the money go, but I believe they carried out his wishes.

18,337. Did Sir Julian Goldsmid give you any reason for asking you to take the message?—Simply because he wanted it in a hurry and he had no cheques with him, and he thought that was the quickest way of getting it down. He requested me to see them on my return to Rochester and I did.

18,338. At what time did Sir Julian Goldsmid say they were to bring the money down?—Friday or Saturday, he said that Mr. Edwards was asking for it at once.

18,339. That was Wednesday evening?—Yes, and I went back the Thursday morning.

18,340. The money was not wanted till Friday or Saturday?—He merely said, “At once,” I do not remember anything about Friday or Saturday. I understood it was immediately wanted for the purposes of the election.

18,341. Did you have the conversation upon the Wednesday or the Thursday morning?—I think that Sir Julian Goldsmid mentioned over night, and when walking with me to the station upon the Thursday morning he repeated the request, or completed it, by asking me to do it. I think we spoke about it in the evening before we went to bed and again in the morning.

18,342. Did he tell you that he had no cheques?—Yes, he said he had no cheques with him, and mentioned the difficulty of getting them down as quickly as he wanted it, and he asked me upon that ground to see Messrs. Foord and get them kindly to send the money down as promptly as they could.

18,343. Did he at all consult you as to getting the money, or the amount of it, or anything of that kind?—

He merely mentioned the difficulty he was in in obtaining it, and complained of the lavish expenditure.

18,344. He mentioned the difficulty he was in?—Yes, of course he could not fight it purely because he was already committed before he got there, he was inclined to go away and leave it but he had made up his mind upon full consideration to stop, and he wanted this money for the lavish expenditure which seemed to be the custom of the place.

18,345. You used a phrase which I think ought not to pass unnoticed, that he could not fight the election purely?—I mean that he could not claim the seat by acts that had been done before he had got there.

18,346. He could not claim the seat you say?—What I mean is, he seemed to have been there without the possibility of carrying the election through as he would have done if he had had the reins from the outset.

18,347. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you mean bribery?—No, engagements of committee rooms, and the expenditure that we saw going on all round in the free employment of labour of every kind, it looked to me as if the election were being fought free handedly.

18,348. (*Mr. Jeune.*) The impression that Sir Julian Goldsmid left upon your mind was that he at that time had made up his mind to fight the election through?—Yes.

18,349. And knew that he must fight it through by the employment of illegitimate means?—I do not say that.

18,350. I do not say bribery, but illegitimate means?—They might have been possibly questionable means, but whether they were legitimate or illegitimate would have to be left to the decision of the election judges. He was not able to prevent them, but I will say lavish means.

18,351. Did he tell you that there was any difficulty in getting money from not having cheques?—Yes, he did, and he said that he wanted to get the money promptly because Mr. Edwards was asking for prompt payment.

18,352. Did he consult you in any way as to how that difficulty was to be met?—Do you mean the difficulty of getting the money?

18,353. Yes?—He merely mentioned that he thought I might get it sent down through the Foords, and I said no doubt they would willingly do it. That was the only conversation we had.

18,354. The suggestion came from Sir Julian Goldsmid that you should go to Messrs. Foord and tell them to send the money?—Yes.

18,355. Are you sure of that, or did it come from you?—I could not say from whom it came first; I rather think from Sir Julian Goldsmid, but I would not be certain. In conversation it was suggested that I should see Mr. Foord in order most quickly to get the money, and upon that suggestion I saw Messrs. Foord for him.

18,356. Did it at all occur to you to suggest to Sir Julian Goldsmid that a telegram to London would have brought him any quantity of money within a few hours?—It did not occur to me that a telegram would do.

18,357. Did it not occur to you that a telegram to London to send a cheque book would have brought a cheque book within a few hours?—No.

18,358. You know that Sir Julian Goldsmid is a very wealthy man indeed?—Yes.

18,359. Did it not strike you that what I say a telegram to London would have been the more natural way?—No, it did not strike me as the most simple and most natural way I am bound to say. I did not think of any other way which looked prompt.

18,360. That you should go to Rochester and come back the next day to bring back money?—Yes.

18,361. Did he know you were going upon the Thursday morning and not upon the Wednesday

evening?—Yes, he knew I was going upon the Thursday morning.

18,362. You telegraphed first of all to Mr. Foord?—Yes, from Canterbury.

18,363. To be ready to meet you?—Yes.

18,364. And you went to his office?—Yes.

18,365. And you saw there both the Mr. Foord's?—Yes.

18,366. What did you tell them to do?—I just gave them Sir Julian Goldsmid's message that he wished 1,500*l.* to be sent, and would they oblige him by sending promptly down 1,500*l.* for the purposes of his election, and take it to his agent, Mr. Emmerson, at Sandwich. Sir Julian Goldsmid gave me the name of his agent upon a slip of paper, and I took that slip of paper to Messrs. Foord and asked them to do it, and they raised no difficulty, but said they would be happy to do it, and I left them to carry out the arrangement.

18,367. Sir Julian Goldsmid gave you that piece of paper with Mr. Emmerson's name, of Sandwich, upon it?—Yes, in order that I should make no mistake in the name of the agent. I did not know him personally. He gave me his name as the person to whom the money was to be paid, and I believed he was the agent for parliamentary expenses.

18,368. What was the sum mentioned that Messrs. Foord should send?—From 1,200*l.* to 1,500*l.* I took it, as the sum he wished.

18,369. Did you hear any discussion between Messrs. Foord, or between Messrs. Foord and you, as to how the money was to be paid or sent?—No, I think there was no discussion at all; they knew the purpose for which it was wanted and they at once took it that it was to be sent in gold. Certainly nothing was said about notes, but I do not think the question was discussed. It went without question that gold was the form that it would be the most convenient to send it in, and that was the reason that Mr. Charles Foord took it down. They are always paying wages in large amounts, and they always draw their cheques for gold.

18,370. You telegraphed to Mr. Foord to meet you at the station, I think?—No, not at the station. I merely telegraphed for Mr. Charles Foord to be in the way. Mr. Charles Foord is very frequently away from the office, though the other Mr. Foord is always there, and I thought, as it was a matter of importance, the two brothers would naturally wish to decide upon it, and I telegraphed to Mr. Charles Foord to be in the way when I returned as I had a message that I wished him to receive.

18,371. From where did you send that telegram?—From Canterbury. We were very early from Deal, I had to get away for an important engagement upon the Thursday, and the telegraph offices were not open when I left Deal, and I telegraphed when I reached Canterbury.

18,372. When did you leave Deal?—A little after 8 in the morning.

18,373. Why did you not telegraph from Deal?—For the simple reason that I had not the time and did not go near the office. It did not occur to me to telegraph from Deal, and I said I would rather wire when I got to Canterbury. I had no thought of telegraphing from Deal, and in fact it was so early that it would have been very inconvenient to do so.

18,374. You did not leave till after 8, and the telegraph offices are open at 8?—I have given you the truthful reason; it did not occur to me to telegraph from Deal. I thought Canterbury would suit as well, and that is the reason I did it. There were about 20 minutes between the trains which gave time to wire from Canterbury. In fact I am not certain that I did not arrange about telegraphing at the station.

18,375. Where were you staying at Deal?—With Sir Julian Goldsmid, at his house next to Mr. Crompton Roberts.

18,376. You know, do you not, that you pass the telegraph office within a few yards on your way to the railway station?—No, I do not know it.

18,377. You have told us your reason. Do you say that there was no other reason for your telegraphing from Canterbury?—No, there was not.

18,378. You said nothing about taking the money in gold?—No, I think it went without question. I do not think there was any discussion about that.

18,379. You told them what the money was for?—Yes. I said it was evidently an expensive place, and this was

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for immediate payment in connexion with the election; that is what I told them, and they used their own discretion as to the form in which they sent it, and they chose gold naturally.

18,380. Did you know anything about one of the Mr. Foord's going up to London and getting the cheque cashed?—No, I left them to make arrangements.

18,381. You heard no discussion between them as to how it was to be carried out?—No, I have no recollection of it. I know that they were discussing how they could do it most promptly, and they were consulting time tables. I daresay going up to London might have been part of their consultation.

18,382. Did you know that one of the Mr. Foord's was going to travel to London and back again to get the money?—I fancy that was the arrangement they made that day, but I did not concern myself much with it, because I left them to make the arrangements.

18,383. Did you hear any discussion between them, or did you simply give the message and go away?—I merely gave the message and left them to make the arrangements. They were in consultation, I believe, some time after I went away.

18,384. That of course you would not know?—No; but I do not remember any conversation. I know they were consulting the time tables for the purpose of carrying out Sir Julian Goldsmid's wishes.

18,385. Did carrying out Sir Julian's wishes involve going to London?—I daresay it did. I daresay they would have to go to their bankers in London to get it. I took the message, and there my duty ceased, and I did not trouble my head further.

18,386. Did you know that afternoon that Mr. Foord would have to go up to London and come down to Rochester again, for the purpose of getting the money?—I cannot say I knew it, but I thought very probably he might. I did not know the arrangement that he had made, because of course he might have drawn up upon the London and County bank. I took the message, and left them to make the arrangements.

18,387. Did you write to Sir Julian Goldsmid afterwards?—I wrote him, I think the same night, stating that I had seen the Messrs. Foord, and I gave the train by which they would get down in the morning, and I sent that letter to Sir Julian Goldsmid the same night.

18,388. That is to say, that they would get down upon the Friday?—Yes. I did not see Mr. Foord, but I believe he went upon the Friday, and took the money down.

18,389. You knew that he was not going upon the Thursday?—Yes, because he could not manage it. I took from them the train that Mr. Foord would go down by upon the Friday morning. They determined that Mr. Foord should go down upon the Friday morning to Sandwich with the money, but what arrangements they might make as to getting it, I left entirely to them. In writing to Sir Julian Goldsmid, all I wanted to do was to give the train that Mr. Foord would come down by, the next day.

18,390. Sir Julian Goldsmid did not give you any reason to understand that he wished to have the money before Friday, or even before Saturday?—No. I simply took it from him that he wanted it promptly; that Mr. Edwards wanted it immediately; and I do not think there was anything said about Friday or Saturday.

18,391. You understood within the term "immediately," that it might mean Friday or Saturday?—Yes, that is what I understood.

18,392. (*Mr. Holl.*) Have you any copy of the letter that you sent to Sir Julian Goldsmid?—No, I have not a copy of it. I had almost forgotten that I had written, but I remember the circumstance now. I wrote the same night stating that I had seen Messrs. Foord, and they would carry out his wishes, and that Mr. Foord would arrive by such and such a train in the morning.

18,393. Did you suggest that they should get the money from London?—No, I left that entirely to them. I knew nothing about their banking account. I merely took the message and left it to them to make their own arrangements as to how they would do it, and where they would draw the money from.

18,394. You have stated that Sir Julian Goldsmid complained to you of the lavish expenditure?—Yes; he said that they were going into a lavish expenditure in the putting up of flags, and so on.

18,395. What is it he said about that?—He said that

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it seemed a very expensive place, and they seemed to have gone on in a very lavish way in the putting up of flags, and that they were putting up an enormous flag-pole; but he had determined to fight, and inasmuch as it was done, it could not be helped. That is what I gathered from his conversation, and I understood that this money was wanted for the payment of this sort of work, and the lavish way of carrying it out.

18,396. Do you say that he seemed annoyed at it; did he say anything?—He did not seem to like the place, and, I think if he had known all he found out by the time I got there, he would not have gone to the place. That is the impression I gathered from what he said.

18,397. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I think you said that you know nothing about money affairs in connexion with Rochester?—No, personally I have avoided all connexion with money matters. In fact I am sorry that I ever took the message. I am a strong partizan, but I would never have anything to do with the financial part of it.

18,398. Do you manage the elections at Rochester in the sense of control?—No, I have conferred a great deal as to the organisation of the party and general working of the election, but I have had nothing to do in regard to financial matters, and I could not tell you within 500*l.* or 1,000*l.* really what is spent in the place, and therefore I could not possibly answer any questions upon that subject.

18,399. Did you ever organise the expenditure of money?—No, I have never had anything to do with it, my work has been chiefly in the organisation of canvassings, meetings, and speaking, but I have never had anything to do with cabs, messengers, or anything of that sort.

18,400. (*Mr. Holl.*) I want to get exactly your understanding—did you understand that this money was to pay for expenses that you have mentioned that Sir Julian Goldsmid spoke of as being lavish, or did you understand that it was wanted for any more illegitimate purposes?—No, I understood it was wanted for this sort of lavish election expenditure. I took it as its being wanted for this lavish part of the election expenses that exists in Kentish boroughs.

18,401. Did you understand that it was wanted at all for bribery?—I do not know how far this expenditure might influence votes, but I did not understand that it was wanted for anything like the bribery I have been reading about in the papers, in fact, I had no idea of it.

18,402. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Were you surprised at being asked by Sir Julian Goldsmid to ask Messrs. Foord of Rochester to take 1,500*l.* to Sandwich?—No, I was not, because I knew they were old friends, and I knew that they had frequently made arrangements for him in Rochester in the way of public subscriptions and charitable expenses. I knew that they were people who would do it in a moment if they were asked. I knew their feelings towards him were such that they would do it in a minute—it did not strike me as being at all peculiar, and I thought it a very natural way of getting it.

18,403. The effect was that 1,500 sovereigns from the bank were put into the hands of Mr. Emmerson of Sandwich, and absolutely there was no trace which anybody could find of how that money came—did that strike you at all?—No, because it was going to his own parliamentary agent at his request and I left all that between him and his agent—if it had been going to some unauthorised irresponsible agent, for instance, some man upon the beach, I should have taken quite a different view, and I should have taken a very different course, but as it was going to Mr. Emmerson of Sandwich, I thought it was in the ordinary way of the election. If I had had a doubt at the moment about it, the fact of its going to Mr. Emmerson the agent would have solved it, and I should have said to myself that it was a straight payment and have given myself no trouble about it, except as a friend, to carry the message for him.

18,404. Knowing, as you do now, that the whole, or nearly the whole of that money was immediately spent in direct bribery, does it not strike you as a very imprudent thing to have had the money sent down in that way?—Of course after events would alter one's opinion. I do not quite catch your meaning I think, and I am not experienced in financial arrangements at elections. As a payment to the election agent of Sir Julian Goldsmid, and knowing what I know of the ordinary course at elections in our county it did not strike me as at all an unusual thing.

18,405. It did not?—No, because 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* is considered as a mere nothing in most of the borough elections; in fact, I think, as I mentioned to Sir Julian, if he wanted to win the seat by bribery it would cost him 10,000*l.* I took it as being wanted for the payment of what you may call lavish expenditure at the election.

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CHARLES ROSS FOORD recalled and further examined.

18,406. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you spend any money for Sir Julian Goldsmid ever at any election at Rochester?—What do you mean?

18,407. Lay out money in the election?—Do you mean whether I did anything illegal?

18,408. No; did you find money?—I have told you the same as Mr. Balsey has told you, that I know but very little about the financial arrangements of our party. Since my father's death my brother has taken my father's position in regard to payments and such like that may be necessary, and I know nothing about it.

18,409. I only want to get the fact; did you ever advance any money for Sir Julian Goldsmid for the purposes of an election at Rochester?—Personally, do you mean?

18,410. Yes?—No.

18,411. Do you know of any money being advanced to Sir Julian Goldsmid for the purposes of an election at Rochester?—No, I do not; and my brother must answer these questions. We always pay all Sir Julian Goldsmid's subscriptions and such like, but if you ask me whether we ever advanced money for any illegal expenditure at Rochester, then I say no, and not one of our family has ever done such a thing.

18,412. Pray do not be angry—I did not put it as an illegitimate expenditure?—I will give you an instance, after the election in 1868 my late friend Mr. Philip Martin, when his expenditure was sent in, asked me if

I would see to it for him, and I did pay a few hundred pounds. Rochester is a very inexpensive place, and I paid that out of my own pocket for Mr. Martin.

18,413. I am not asking you about that; do you know whether your firm has ever advanced any money to Sir Julian Goldsmid (I am not putting it for illegitimate purposes) for the purposes of elections at Rochester?—No, I do not know it; my brother will answer those questions.

11,414. You do not know?—No; I would rather not answer the question. I would rather say I do not know, because the next question you will ask me will be "how much," and that I do not know.

18,415. That tempts me to ask this: do you know that your firm has not advanced money?—No; I know nothing about Sir Julian Goldsmid's financial arrangements with our firm; I know nothing at all about it; and, if you want to know, my brother will tell you just as much as he thinks you are entitled to know.

18,416. Do you know whether or not your firm has ever paid any money on account of Sir Julian Goldsmid for Rochester elections after the election was over?—No, I know nothing.

18,417. You do not know?—No; if my brother chooses to pay money he will do it; he is a single man—or rather, I mean he is not a family man, and I have a family; he has got plenty and I have not got plenty; you must ask my brother these questions.

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18,418. (*Mr. Holl.*) When we adjourned, it was partly with the view of your having an opportunity of going through and considering that account and ascertaining whether you could give any explanation of the items amounting to about 170*l.*—Allow me to say that I was very much surprised when I saw this one particular item of 60*l.*, and having possession of this account has enabled me to go through every Deal account and to find those that are not upon this paper as well as those that are; and it has led to my tracing an account which I had no idea I had; I thought it had been handed to Mr. Hughes. The account to which I refer is an account of 72*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, on which is acknowledged payment of 5*l.* and 60*l.* in cash, those being two of the amounts mentioned upon the account you showed to me upon the last occasion, when you were kind enough to show me that account. I was, as I have said, quite surprised at the item of 60*l.*; but upon thinking it over, as you advised me, I recollected having made a payment of 60*l.*, and upon hunting through these bills I came across this account of 72*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* (*handing a paper*).

18,419. I gather from this that it is the same as is entered upon this account as "Simmons 72*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*." ?—Yes.

18,420. Do I understand you that this 72*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, which is put down here at the end of the account, includes two sums—one of 60*l.* and one of 5*l.*—which are mentioned in the account we handed to you upon the last occasion?—Yes.

18,421. At first sight it would appear as if this were an additional sum beyond the items previously mentioned?—When this paper was originally handed to me it was with a view of my making up an account of every penny that had been spent upon the election; and amongst the bills were found three different bills for three different hotels, and also that account for 72*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* Those amounts are not included in the figures in this account; and when you were kind enough to give me the paper, and I studied it, as a man of business I went through every different item with all the vouchers that I had, and inside one of the hotel bills I found this account now before you for 72*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* I had entirely dismissed that from my mind. Mr. Hughes having told me that every penny I spent for election purposes must go through his hands, I dismissed that account entirely from my mind, believing that every penny had gone through his hands, but when I found that account, I then recollected the circumstance of Mr. Simmons telling me that he had come down with me because he knew most of the people in the borough, and he came down under the impression that Mr. Spofforth was going to follow him in a day or two. As Mr. Spofforth did not come down, he asked me whether he should go back at once, and I said, "Well, I do not know whether you will do any good here, but still I should like to have you here to refer to in case I want to know anything about any particular person here," and so he remained. He then asked me for some money, and I said that he was to get it from Mr. Hughes, upon which he said, would I mind getting it from Mr. Hughes, because he had not been employed by him in any way. That account was rendered to me, and I gave him the money stated upon that account; and, subsequently, Mr. Spofforth mentioned to me this, "My clerk Simmons went down, but I have made no charge against you for him in any way, and you owe him some money," to which I replied, "He gave me an account, but I cannot tell what I have done with it; my impression is, I have sent it to Mr. Hughes, and some of these days I will see Mr. Hughes about it, and get it out of him." That amount was to have been paid by Mr. Hughes. I thought, when I had the pleasure of being before you before, that that money had been paid by Mr. Hughes, but seeing this paper brought it all back to my mind, and I see that I have not had that money from Mr. Hughes. When I paid Mr. Spofforth his bill before the petition, he reminded me about a debt to Mr. Simmons, he said he had not charged anything for him, and, inasmuch as there was a balance upon that account shown to

be due, I gave him a cheque for 20*l.* to cover the balance due, and also as something for his trouble. These are the three hotel bills (*handing some papers*).

18,422. Those three hotel bills are not included in this account?—No, nor this one either (*handing another paper*).

18,423. Are you under the impression that the 60*l.* and 5*l.* were applied in payment of Mr. Simmons' account?—Yes, it says so there, "By credit cash" upon those dates.

18,424. I understand you to say these two sums of 5*l.* and 60*l.* are two of the sums included in this account?—Yes.

18,425. And the sum you have been speaking of that you paid afterwards at Mr. Spofforth's suggestion, was the 20*l.* to cover the balance due, and also something for his trouble?—Yes. I should tell you that I never read that bill through till Thursday night.

18,426. When did you receive this bill?—I do not know; Mr. Simmons will be able to tell you, no doubt, but I should think it was most likely two or three days after the election.

18,427. I see it is indorsed "D. G. F. Simmons, 72*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, 12th May 1880." I do not know whether that is the date you got it?—The clerk would take that date from the 12th of May that appears here.

18,428. It is the handwriting of your clerk, who keeps the accounts?—Yes, my accountant.

18,429. I understand that you gave him 5*l.* upon the 4th of May, and 60*l.* upon the 12th of May?—He says so in the account. I have no idea as to what the dates were; in fact, I had no recollection of it till you showed me this piece of paper.

18,430. Can you remember whether it was pending the election that you gave him the 60*l.*?—I am sure that whatever money he had from me was given to him down at Deal.

18,431. Pending the election?—Yes.

18,432. What did he say when he asked you for it?—He said, "I want some money to pay some expenses that I have been at." I said, "You must get all those things from Mr. Hughes," and his answer was, "Well, you know, I am not employed by Mr. Hughes, and my position here is different. You asked me to stop. I came down thinking that Mr. Spofforth was going to follow me; you asked me to stop, and I have been stopping for you, and therefore would you mind getting the money from Mr. Hughes, because I do not much like to ask him." I believe Mr. Simmons and Mr. Hughes did not hit it off very well. I rather understood so.

18,433. You say that that accounts for his asking you for the money?—Yes.

18,434. Did he tell you at the time what he wanted the money for?—No, I had no idea at the time what he wanted the money for; I thought it very likely that he might have been at some expense for me; I really had no idea how he occupied himself.

18,435. Mr. Hughes was paying everything for you; you left the matter in his hands; and 60*l.* was a largish sum for a person in the position of Mr. Simmons to want. Did he not give you some explanation what he wanted it for?—He gave me no intimation of any kind what he wanted it for, beyond that he had been at some expenses for me. I suggested that he should go to Mr. Hughes, who paid everything, and he said, "Well, Mr. Hughes and I are not upon very good terms," or something of that sort.

18,436. At the time he asked you for this money, and you gave him a sum of 60*l.*, did he not give you some explanation, or did you not make any inquiry as to what he wanted it for, and what was the nature of the expenses he had incurred?—I did not go into that question at all, and no doubt it was foolish for me not to have done so.

18,437. Did you not ask him what he wanted it for?—No, and I had no idea except that I believed him

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thoroughly when he told me he had been at some expenses.

18,438. Did he ask for 60*l.* specifically?—I will not be sure whether he asked for 60*l.*

18,439. You had given him 5*l.* upon the 4th of May to meet petty expenses which might have been incurred personally in remaining, but upon the 12th of May he either asks for 60*l.* or for a sum of money in such a manner as induces you to give him so large a sum of money as 60*l.* Did you not make any inquiry as to why he wanted so large a sum of money, because he was not acting as your agent in the election?—No, and I am sorry I did not ask him any questions. Knowing him to be Mr. Spofforth's head clerk I had perfect confidence in him. I was rather up with him when he asked me for money, because I thought he might just as well have saved me the trouble and got it from Mr. Hughes, and I told him that Mr. Hughes was the expenses agent.

18,440. That is what strikes me. Mr. Hughes was acting as your expenses agent; in fact you were leaving everything in his hands, and it seems odd, upon being asked by Mr. Simmons for so large a sum as 60*l.*, that you should make no inquiry as to what he wanted that sum for?—I certainly understood from him that I should have all particulars about it if I would not mind giving him the money; meaning that I should get it from Mr. Hughes afterwards. If any one had asked me to swear, before I went home upon the last occasion, I should certainly have sworn that there was not a penny of this money gone excepting in private expenses; but when I saw that item of 60*l.* it startled me, and I thought the matter thoroughly over, and before I reached home I recollected the payment of 60*l.*, and then turned up afterwards the bill.

18,441. Did Mr. Simmons say anything to you about requiring it for disbursements at public-houses?—I did not know anything about public-houses then.

18,442. I see in this account the second item is from the 4th, 5th, and 6th of May up to the 12th: "Disbursements and expenses seven days at 70 public-houses while engaged with S. Olds in securing the same for the election, 17*l.*" At that time, upon the 4th, 5th, and 6th, he had made these disbursements at these different public-houses; did he not tell you that he had so done?—He never mentioned public-houses; he simply said that he was disbursing money for me, and he would give me all particulars.

18,443. At that time he could have given you the particulars easily, because the money is put down as having been spent upon the 4th, 5th, and 6th?—I was going out at the time canvassing. I met him, I think, in the passage, coming out of the house, and he asked me whether he might speak to me, and we went back then and there. I had got some people waiting for me outside, and I gave the money to him without as much consideration as I should give to the matter now.

18,444. I understand you to say you do not remember when you got this account?—I feel sure it was after the election was over. I feel positive about that.

18,445. Do I understand, from what you say, that you really gave to Mr. Simmons this sum of 60*l.* without making any inquiry at the time about what he had done or was going to do with it?—It was simply that I heard he had spent the money for me.

18,446. And you made no further enquiry?—No.

18,447. (Mr. Turner.) You cannot remember how the 60*l.* was arrived at; whether you suggested it or he suggested it?—I have no idea, but it is possible he may recollect all about it.

18,448. (Mr. Holl.) I see here (and I am only taking the larger items) "Egbert Hayward, for apartments, as per receipt, 12*l.* 12*s.*" What was that?—I was expecting several friends down, I wrote to a good many to come and help me, and I asked them to get me some nice apartments for a gentleman and his wife that I expected were coming down, and they took these apartments. They asked me how long they should take them for, and, if my memory serves me right, I said, "Take them for a fortnight or three weeks," and that is one of the sets of apartments that were taken for me.

18,449. It was 6*l.* 6*s.* a week?—I do not know. My sons came from Eton, and occupied those apartments, and two other friends besides.

18,450. Then I see "Mrs. Cocks," or "Mrs. Crofts, for charity, as directed"?—That is the person I alluded to before, who lived below the street.

18,451. Do you know how that was disbursed?—It was in cash. I mentioned that to you. I did not know whether it was 2*l.*, 3*l.*, or 5*l.*

18,452. Then I see here, "Sums at various times handed to Dr. Hulke, Mr. Bristowe, Alderman Ralph, and others, for small charities, and distributed as recommended by them, 18*l.*" Do you know how and in what way that was distributed?—I had not read the account through before last Thursday.

18,453. "And distributed, as recommended by them, 18*l.*" Was it Mr. Simmons duty to distribute this money?—That is his account of it. I do think I ever read the account through before.

18,454. Do you know how much money was received by each or any of these gentlemen mentioned here, or how the money was disbursed?—No, I do not know at all.

18,455. Have you never enquired of Mr. Simmons?—No.

18,456. I understand that this 60*l.*, amongst other items, you got from your housekeeper?—She held the money in custody for me.

18,457. In the way you have mentioned to us you left the money in her charge?—Yes.

18,458. (Mr. Jeune.) Why did you not give Mr. Simmons a cheque?—Because I happened to have got that money in cash.

18,459. 60*l.* is a largish sum to give. Did he ask you for a cheque, or did you suggest to him to have a cheque, or did he ask for the money in cash?—He did not ask me one way or the other; I had the money in the house, and gave it to him.

18,460. When do you say you first saw this actual paper?—My impression is within a week after the election was over. I should think about that time.

18,461. You saw here upon it, "Disbursements and expenses at 70 public-houses, while engaged with S. Olds, in securing the same for the election, 17*l.*" Did it not strike you to inquire how that 17*l.* had been spent?—My intention was, and I thought I had sent that to Mr. Hughes. My impression is that I wrote to Mr. Hughes with that account, and I thought Mr. Hughes would investigate all that.

18,462. This was money that you had given to Mr. Simmons, and had so taken it out of Mr. Hughes' hands?—I meant to have it back again from Mr. Hughes.

18,463. Is it your impression that you sent it to Mr. Hughes, and directed him to investigate it?—No. I thought I had done so, and when Mr. Spofforth, on one or two occasions reminded me that I was owing his clerk a sum of money, I said, "I believe Mr. Hughes has got the account, and if he has not got it, I must have a hunt for it."

18,464. Did it not strike you that this item "Disbursements and expenses at 70 public-houses, while engaged with S. Olds in securing the same for the election, 17*l.*" must have been for illegal expenditure?—I am afraid to say that I never read that account through.

18,465. I must ask you the same question about this other item, "Sums at various times handed to Dr. Hulke, Mr. Bristowe, Alderman Ralph, and others, for small charities, and distributed as recommended by them, 18*l.*" Did you make any enquiry of Mr. Simmons as to what these small charities were?—No; no enquiry at all.

18,466. Did it not strike you that "small charities 18*l.*" the day before the polling, was a thing at least very suggestive?—Although Mr. Simmons may have put down the date of the 17th May against that item, I do not suppose for a moment, speaking as a commercial man, that all the sums were disbursed upon that date. Mr. Simmons was down there for over a fortnight, and if he were asked on my behalf to subscribe to this, that, or the other, and he thought he ought to do it, he may have lumped them down in one sum.

18,467. Did you not make any enquiries as to what these "small charities" at the election time were?—No.

18,468. Did you as a matter of fact send this account to Mr. Hughes at all?—I should say positively not, because I found it the other night, although I was under the impression that I had done so.

18,469. (Mr. Holl.) These two items of 60*l.* and 5*l.* account for 65*l.* out of 104*l.*, leaving 39*l.* of that account unaccounted for; and I see, besides that, that there are items, taking them altogether, amounting to 88*l.* cash received by you; that is to say, 88*l.* in addition to the 39*l.*, which is the balance of the 104*l.*, making altogether in round numbers 127*l.* still received by you in cash?—I have been through each item as figured there, and I have taken off every bill that is represented there, and I find amongst those not down a receipt for 5*l.* 5*s.* from the

Deal, Walmer, and Kingsdown Boatmen's Benevolent Fund (*handing a paper*).

18,470. Was that a subscription paid by you to that fund?—Yes.

18,471. The receipt is dated May 17th, I see. Do I understand you to say that this was paid out of the extra sums handed to you?—Yes.

18,472. Do you know when this subscription was paid?—I paid it myself, I know; but I do not think they sent me the receipt till three or four days afterwards. There are also these receipts (*handing a bundle of papers*) not entered in that account, and, besides, all the money that Mrs. Crompton Roberts had all the time she was there came out of the same money.

18,473. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Mrs. Crompton Roberts would not probably pay this bill for milk herself?—No, I do not suppose she would, but what I mean is this, they could not have been paid without money, and inasmuch as they do not appear there, the money must have come from somewhere. I bring these as extra bills which do not figure in that account.

18,474. (*Mr. Holl.*) I make these altogether, including the subscription to the Deal, Walmer, and Kingsdown Boatmen's Benevolent Fund, amount to something like 14*l.*?—Yes, and I have done all I can to fish up the others.

18,475. I see there is one bill here, "Henry Cogger, Family and Commercial Hotel, Sandwich—luncheons, 1*l.* 15*s.*; five bottles of champagne, 2*l.* 10*s.*"; and then there is 1*l.* 10*s.* in addition with no item opposite to it?—That is a bill that my sons paid for me.

18,476. Do you know who these luncheons were supplied to?—I went over with my own personal friends in a drag, and addressed a meeting, and afterwards the ladies and all of us had a luncheon there together.

18,477. I understand that you paid this subscription to the Boatmen's Benevolent Fund yourself?—Yes, I think it was two or three days earlier than the date of the receipt.

18,478. Have you no other items besides?—Yes. Since the evidence appeared in the paper showing that you wished these items accounted for, several friends who were down with me have called upon me, or written to me, and stated that was my usual habit, when I fetched them to help me in any way, to pay them liberally their expenses, and to all of them I gave a 5*l.* note or a 10*l.* note. One gentleman (and it is not necessary to mention his name) wrote me a note in which he says, "When at Deal, we went out one evening, you gave me 10*l.*, which you took out of your pocket or purse, I forget which, whilst we were in the carriage." This gentleman went over in a post-chaise and horses for me to Ramsgate to bring a friend to speak for me at one of the meetings. I was very much done up, and he said he had a friend of his, a barrister, at Ramsgate, and he said he would drive over and find him and hunt him up. I had put him to the expense of coming down there, and to some expense in driving over to Ramsgate, and I gave him 10*l.*

18,479. That, I understand, is nobody residing at Deal or Sandwich—nobody connected with the borough?—No, one of my personal friends who came down upon my summoning him. I summoned all my friends whom I thought would be of any use to me. Almost every other person that came down I treated in the same way, giving them 5*l.* or 10*l.*, and I should think I gave 25*l.* at least to my friends who came down in that way. Then I find there was a Foresters' Charity 5*l.* 5*s.* Sir Julian Goldsmid, you will remember, says that he gave 5*l.* 5*s.*

18,480. That is not down in the account?—No. Then there was the entrance and subscription, or footing money, I think they call it, to the Forester's Charity, which was given to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Then I told you about my having stood glasses round. They would not let me pay for it that night, and I quite thought if I did pay for it that night 2*l.* or 2*l.* 10*s.* would have been sufficient. When I went to the bar and tried to pay for it, they said I must pay for it in the morning, and when I did pay for it in the morning they knocked it up to 10*l.* or 12*l.*

18,481. You have no account for that, I suppose?—No.

18,482. Where was that?—It was a blue house, but I have no idea of the name; it was a prominent house in Walmer where the lodge is held. Then also my sons came to me, and I gave them a tip each, and paid their travelling expenses. Beyond that also I found that we sent the governess some money, while we were there to come down to us. In all those little matters the

money has gone, and it was only when I saw that item of 60*l.* that I was staggered, because I had dismissed it entirely from my mind.

18,483. I may take it that those are all the items you can furnish us with?—Yes, and I have gone very carefully through it.

18,484. There is a sum of 33*l.* paid to Captain Roberts. Can you tell us what that was in respect of. I see one sum of 11*l.*, and two sums of 10*l.*, each paid to Captain Roberts?—I have not asked him. He was here the other day and could have told you.

18,485. Do you remember what those sums were handed to him for?—I have no idea at all.

18,486. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Those sums of 11*l.*, 10*l.*, and 10*l.*, were three sums that you gave to Captain Roberts?—I do not know at all.

18,487. Have you no knowledge yourself of what those sums were given to him for?—Until I had seen that paper that you produced I had no idea that he had had them.

18,488. Have you no idea at all what the money was given to him for?—No. As I say until I had seen the paper I had no idea that he had had that money.

18,489. Did you send this account of your personal expenses to Mr. Hughes?—No.

18,490. What account of your personal expenses did you ever send to Mr. Hughes?—I never sent any account.

18,491. You just now said that you knew all expenses had to go through Mr. Hughes, your agent?—Yes.

18,492. And yet you say you never sent in an account of your personal expenses to him?—That is a new reading of the Act of Parliament. A man must eat and drink. I had no idea that what a man ate and drank, and what were his ordinary expenses, would have to go through his agent.

18,493. Did Mr. Edwin Hughes ask you for any account of your personal expenses?—I am not aware of it. I should say he did not. He told me that all expenses of every kind must go through his hands, but I had no idea that my taking a house, or taking horses and carriages there, or anything of that sort, would be expenses that would have to go through him.

18,494. But you see you returned you say no personal expenses at all to Mr. Edwin Hughes?—Because I spent nothing for the purposes of the election.

18,495. Did you understand that it was no part of your duty to return any part of your personal expenses to your expenses agent?—Yes, if none of those expenses were for the purposes of the election.

18,496. There is no doubt what "personal expenses" mean. They mean expenses which you yourself are put to. Do you mean to say you thought no part of your personal expenses in that sense of the word had to be returned through your election agent?—My impression was and is that anything spent for the purposes of the election should go through the expenses agent, but not otherwise.

18,497. Did Mr. Hughes ask you for any account of the personal expenses that you yourself had been at?—I told Mr. Hughes that everything should go through his hands.

18,498. That is not quite an answer to my question. Did Mr. Hughes ask you for any account of your personal expenditure?—No.

18,499. He did not?—No; but may I qualify that by saying that I believe he had thorough confidence that I would not spend anything without it did go through him.

18,500. He must have known that you spent something; there is your railway ticket there and back, and your living during the time. He must have known that you spent a considerable sum in personal expenses?—I never for a moment dreamt that the Act of Parliament would ask for such a thing as that.

18,501. Did not Mr. Hughes tell you?—No.

18,502. Did not Mr. Hughes ask you what your own personal expenses of living were during the fortnight you were there?—No. I was under the impression that the only expenses asked for were those expended for the purposes of the election. A man must live and eat.

18,503. (*Mr. Turner.*) You had a good many friends down to help you in the election; so you may say they were for the purposes of the election?—I never for a moment dreamt that the Act of Parliament would ask for such a thing as that.

18,504. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Is that your reading of the

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law, or Mr. Hughes' reading of the law?—It is my reading.

18,505. Mr. Hughes was your agent, and I want to know whether Mr. Hughes ever asked you for any account of your personal expenditure, meaning by that such items as are in this account for living, and so on?—No, not for living.

18,506. House-rent, railway fares, carriages, and those sort of things?—No.

18,507. He did not, you are sure?—He did not.

18,508. Did he give you to understand it was necessary that those sums should be returned at all?—He never spoke about them.

18,509. Have you seen the returned expenses which Mr. Hughes sent in in your name and on your behalf?—No.

18,510. Do you know there appears under the head of "Personal Expenses" a sum of 106*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*?—No.

18,511. I see the first item is "Constitutional Association, 14*l.* 14*s.*" Did you tell Mr. Hughes that that was a personal expense of yours?—I did not know anything about that.

18,512. Then the next is "Pier, 15*l.*" Did you tell Mr. Hughes that that was a personal expense of yours?—I did not spend the money.

18,513. If Mr. Hughes put that, as he has done, into his expenses, he did it upon his own authority and without any authority from you?—Yes.

18,514. You never gave him a single item in respect of personal expenditure; in respect of living, and so on?—No, never.

18,515. And he never asked you for it?—No, never. I do not wish to throw any blame upon Mr. Hughes that is due to myself. Mr. Hughes distinctly told me that I was not to make any payments at all, but by that I understood payments for the purposes of the election.

18,516. Did you authorise Mrs. Steadman to pay sums on your account, or to make presents to various persons in Deal?—If she gave the servants, at the house we took, any presents; she would do that certainly with my authority, although she might not ask me for it. I should look upon that as equivalent to a portion of the rent.

18,517. I see here an item "Mence Smith, 14*s.* 6*d.*" and opposite that there is, "Liberal, no vote." What did you understand by that?—That is not a present; it is this bill (*handing a paper*).

18,518. There is written opposite, "Liberal, no vote." Did you give Mrs. Steadman any directions as to whom she should employ. How do you account for that being written opposite that item?—I have no idea.

18,519. What instructions did you give Mrs. Steadman, because, I suppose, your housekeeper does not ordinarily write down opposite the names of the tradesman that she employs a description of their opinions. What instructions did you give Mrs. Steadman as to employing tradespeople?—Speaking from memory, my idea is it was to explain why there were various persons, why instead of going to one person we were going to other tradesmen. You see underneath it, "Oil shop." Mrs. Steadman said to me when I passed that amount that some person had called, and said, "Oh, you have gone to so-and-so, and the man has got a vote, I suppose that is the reason you have gone to him, you might find us an order, though we have no vote." That is why she gave that little order.

18,520. Then I see several other items, "Poor man 10*s.*, poor woman 3*s.*, poor man again, poor woman 3*s.*, poor woman 2*s.*, poor man 2*s.*," and so on. Did you make any inquiries of Mrs. Steadman as to who these several people were to whom she had been giving money in this way?—I made no inquiries.

18,521. Did you authorise her to do so?—She always has that authority.

18,522. She always has your authority to give money away in this way?—Yes. We generally keep soup, and all those sort of things going on for the poor in town and in the country, and sooner than be bothered by the people being brought up when she has inquired into a case, she has power to relieve.

18,523. Did you leave it to your housekeeper to give sums of 10*s.* and 2*s.* 6*d.* and 3*s.* to poor people who should come and ask her for money?—The particular case of 10*s.* is one that I can charge my memory with very well. A man said that he had missed his ship in the Downs, he had come ashore, and his ship had gone on to London, and he had not the means to get up to

London to meet his ship, and he had been referred from pillar to post, and been told if he came and asked us he would very likely get the money to pay his fare up to London.

18,524. Was he a Deal man?—No, I think not; he was a sailor. I know I was going out at the time, and he met me in this way, "Please, sir, would you give me a lift up to London?" and he told me this tale about missing his ship, and so on, and I said, "You know we cannot give any money here, you know this is election time." "Yes, sir," he said, and touched his hat, "It is a very hard case; I have missed my vessel, and they told me if I came here very likely you would give me a leg up to London." I said, "You are not connected with Deal, you are not a voter;" and he said, "No, sir, I am not." And as I was going out I called to the butler, or to the housekeeper, I am not sure which, to let this man have 10*s.* for his railway fare.

18,525. You say you knew he was not a voter, or a Deal man?—Yes; this is as to the particular matter of 10*s.*

18,526. I thought you, two or three minutes ago, when I asked you whether or not you knew he was a Deal man, said you did not know?—I should tell you that a man came afterwards, after the election was over, and I fetched these two servants up to inquire whether it was the same man that had come and got 10*s.* before upon account of this tale of missing the ship, and they were under the impression that it was the same man, and they thought I was done; so when you ask me whether he was or was not a Deal man, I can only say, I do not know at the present time whether he is or not, because having come again close after the election would rather lead one to suppose that he was a Deal man. 10*s.* is an amount that I should not expect the housekeeper to give in charity without special reference to Mrs. Crompton Roberts or myself, but as regards smaller sums she has authority to do so sooner than to bring the people before us.

18,527. (*Mr. Holl.*) Some of the items are very large, for instance, chemist 7*l.* or 8*l.*?—That was for soda water.

18,528. Then I see here an account from Mr. Loyne, "To account rendered 50*l.* 16*s.*?"—It is for nothing ordered from the house, and I know nothing about it.

18,529. Do you know anything about it, or was that done entirely through your agents?—I have seen something about it in the papers, and that is the only intimation I have ever had about it.

18,530. You do not know at all what it was for?—No. There is an item here, you will see in the account with a line run through it "Loyne, 7*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*," and I asked the other day what the meaning of it was, and I was told that an account had come in of 7*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* which had never been ordered, and it was sent back again. Therefore that 7*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* should be included in the account before you.

18,531. You think this 7*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* is part of the account ordered by some of your party, though not by you or Mrs. Crompton Roberts?—Certainly not by the housekeeper, Mrs. Crompton Roberts, or myself, or any person I took down with me.

18,532. With regard to the sum of 50*l.* 16*s.* you say you have no knowledge of it yourself?—No; the first intimation I had of anything being ordered of that man was in the newspapers; I saw it and read it in the "Pyrenees."

18,533. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I see there is an item here of "Frost, 13*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*," for which there is no voucher; he was the person, I suppose, for fireworks, because I see below "Frost, extra for fireworks, 5*l.*?"—Yes.

18,534. Is that the 5*l.* that you spoke of the other day?—Yes.

18,535. I may take it that Frost was the man from whom the fireworks were got?—Yes; these fireworks have never been delivered yet, I believe.

18,536. What is this 13*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* for?—I hunted for the bill on Thursday night, and we did not find it.

18,537. Frost is the man who sells fireworks?—Yes; he is a general ironmonger, and he sells all sorts of things of that kind.

18,538. Is it your impression that you paid for fireworks that were not delivered, or was it simply an order given which was not executed?—I heard that some of my supporters had ordered the fireworks, and heard that 20*l.* worth of fireworks had been ordered, as I told you.

18,539. Yes, that accounts for the 5*l.*, but I am now asking about the 13*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* for which there is no

voucher?—I do not think that had anything to do with the fireworks, I think that is a general account which I have been unable to find.

18,540. (*Mr. Holl.*) I see that a circular was sent round at the time of the election, enclosing as I understand, that lithographed letter and cards giving directions as to the mode and place of polling, and also that programme of the intended regatta, those were all enclosed together in the same envelope to the different electors?—Yes, I have seen the lithographed letter before, but those other things are new to me.

18,541. Was that done with your knowledge?—This lithographed letter was.

18,542. I mean with regard to the regatta card?—I have never seen the card before. I know there was some conversation that it would be desirable to have a regatta, but, at the time, it was contemplated that the election would be over before the day when the regatta was talked about.

18,543. When was the regatta talked about?—I should think within four or five days of my first going down there.

18,544. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Long before the election?—Yes, within four or five days I should think of my first going down there, but I have no data to go upon.

18,545. (*Mr. Holl.*) What was said about the regatta as nearly as you can recollect; who was it with whom you had the conversation about it, was it Mr. Hughes?—I think Mr. Hughes said something to this effect, "Have you been asked anything about a regatta, people have been bothering me about a regatta, and Easter Monday" or Whit Monday, I forget which it was, "is a Bank Holiday, have you any objection to our getting up this regatta for the Bank Holiday." We were under the impression that the election would take place on the Friday previous, and we thought that the regatta would take place upon the Bank Holiday, on the Monday.

18,546. Still the regatta would be advertised before the election?—Yes.

18,547. Was not that suggested to you as making a means of making yourself popular in the borough?—It was not brought forward with that view, I think the boatmen had brought it up as a thing that was usually done. I can merely speak now from the impression left upon my mind, because I have no data to fall back upon.

18,548. It was suggested as a thing they wanted to have done?—Yes.

18,549. And then I understand you consented?—Yes.

18,550. When the polling cards are sent round the tickets or programme of the regatta are enclosed with it, connecting it in that way very directly with the election?—I suppose it was meant as an invitation to everybody to come.

18,551. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you arrange with Mr. Hughes that you were to take the pier and throw it open to the public by a free ticket?—No, he told me he had done something of the kind. Whether I heard it from him or whether I read an advertisement upon the walls I do not know, but I was cognizant of it.

18,552. You knew that the pier had been taken on your behalf in order that it might be open to the public by a free ticket upon that day?—Yes.

18,553. That was before the election?—The election was expected to take place upon the Friday and this arrangement was for the following Monday.

18,554. You knew this pier had been taken for the regatta whenever it should take place, so that the pier might be open to the public by a free ticket before the election?—Yes.

18,555. Did you know that this ticket had been sent out to the electors?—No, I have seen it to-day for the first time.

18,556. Did you know that anything of the kind had been done?—The only thing I was aware of was the lithographed letter which I wrote.

18,557. It says upon the ticket "This pier open to the public by free ticket," did you know that any announcement had been given to the public at Deal that the pier would be open upon that day by free ticket?—By what I saw stuck upon the walls.

18,558. Did the bills say that the pier would be open by free ticket upon that day?—Yes, my impression is that it is so.

18,559. You knew before the election that you were offering to the public that they should have the free use of the pier upon that day?—Yes, but I should qualify

it by saying that I was under the impression that this Bank Holiday would come after the election.

18,560. I should like to know whether you can suggest any other conclusion, but it strikes me as being an offer that you knew of being made on your behalf before the election of something generally to the people of Deal, electors and others?—It was to the general public, whether electors or non-electors.

18,561. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I see it says, "Open to the public by free ticket obtainable at the newspaper and other public offices," did you direct, or did anyone on your behalf direct to whom these tickets should be given?—No, I believe everybody had them.

18,562. As far as you know there was no intention, but that everybody should have a ticket—there was no intention of limiting it to your own supporters?—No; the only remark I made was this, "What is the use of having tickets if the pier is to be open to everybody—why not take down the barriers." I made that remark because of the expense of printing the tickets, and the answer was—I do not know by whom—"If you do that supposing anybody misbehaves himself you cannot turn him off the pier."

18,563. There was no intention on your part, or upon the part of those acting in your behalf to limit the use of this pier to your supporters?—No, I am perfectly certain that was not in anybody's mind.

18,564. (*Mr. Holl.*) What is the form referred to in that circular?—When I wrote this letter I had before me a great many of the forms I had received from different parts of the country where I had votes, and one of them I thought a very judicious one, which I copied—there was on the reverse of a letter similar to this written, "I shall have much pleasure in voting for you, please fetch me," and it was stamped at the back with the address of the agent. When I wrote this lithographed letter out I believe I enclosed this printed form belonging to some other election to Mr. Hughes, and that is the form I referred to.

18,565. (*Mr. Jeune.*) It is a small matter, but I see you had four butchers' bills going all at once during the time you were at Deal?—Yes, it is so.

18,566. Four butchers' bills day by day?—Not day by day, for instance, from the 13th to the 15th, and from the 15th to the 18th, there is a hiatus in one of them.

18,567. Referring to these bills it is accurate substantially, is it not, to say that you had four butchers' bills running at once?—Yes.

18,568. And you had five poulterers in the same way, supplying your house at once?—Yes.

18,569. I see there are other items of fowls and fish appearing in Mrs. Steadman's account?—Yes.

18,570. You told us that you canvassed yourself the voters?—Yes.

18,571. That would happen both in Sandwich, Deal, and Walmer?—Yes.

18,572. This, is it not, is your canvass book for Sandwich (*handing a book*)?—Yes.

18,573. You went round with that book and saw the people and made the notes opposite to their names?—Yes.

18,574. You did not, I suppose, ever go alone?—No, but the man accompanying me might have been a few houses off.

18,575. You kept this book yourself and wrote down in pencil those notes that are opposite the names of the voters?—Yes, I ticked them off as I went along.

18,576. And made those notes?—Yes.

18,577. I suppose the people who were with you would see what you were writing down from time to time as you went along?—They might have done.

18,578. I will take the first page upon which there occurs to me to be anything worth inquiring about—William Holmans, and I see opposite that this note, "Paralysed. Wants help to get change of air, or rides out," that is a note in your handwriting, is it not?—Yes.

18,579. You found out I suppose from inquiry from William Holmans that he was paralysed and wanted help to get change of air and rides out?—Any memorandum I thought necessary to make I put down at the time.

18,580. With what object did you make that note?—I could not put him down under the Conservative or Liberal headings, or doubtful, on that account. It was no use going to that man in consequence.

18,581. I do not quite follow you because a man is

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paralysed it does not follow that he is neither a Conservative or a Liberal?—That man when I went to see him brought forward that statement and wished me to draw my own inferences.

18,582. He gave you clearly to understand that he would not promise either Conservative or Liberal, because he wanted assistance?—Yes, that was his statement.

18,583. The impression left upon your mind was that he wished to convey to you that he was a person who could not be reckoned upon to vote either way without a bribe?—Without he was accommodated in that way.

18,584. And you made a note of that in your book?—Yes.

18,585. And this book was afterwards put into the hands of persons acting for you?—I gave that book, just as it was, back to the man who went with me, and he took it to whoever had sent him with me.

18,586. And from that you knew they made out their own canvass book, making it up partly from your notes?—No, I was not aware of that. I was not aware that they did anything further.

18,587. Do you know that your note "Paralysed—wants help to get change of air or rides out" appeared in Mr. Cloke's book "Wants pay for change of air or rides out"?—I was not aware that it had been copied at all.

18,588. You say you put that down because you understood that he would not promise either side unless he got something for it?—I cannot go quite so far as that—the man seemed to think he had a claim upon one. I did not know that he would not vote without it.

18,589. You do not put him down either as Conservative or Liberal?—No.

18,590. Why would not you put him down as one or the other?—Because he did not go into politics—that was his line.

18,591. You understood him as a person who could not be classed as being a person who would vote either way without something?—I cannot go so far as that. He looked upon his ailments as more important than his vote.

18,592. In other words, you understood that he wanted money for his vote?—I understood it was waste of time to go to him.

18,593. For what reason?—That as no candidate can under these circumstances give a person anything without its being supposed to influence his vote, that therefore it would be of no use going to that man any longer. He would not promise one way or the other, and considered his bodily ailments such as to demand his wants being attended to, I thought that therefore it was no use going to him any longer.

18,594. It comes to this, that you knew he was a man who would not vote without payment of some kind for his bodily ailments, and in consideration of his bodily ailments. "Change of air and rides out" is another way of putting it. Then I see, a little further on, "Jacob George Matthews," and opposite, written in your own handwriting, "Wants a better pension; was a warder at the jail at Sandwich;" and I see he is not entered as a conservative or Liberal; why was that?—He asked me whether I would use any influence, if I were elected, to procure him a better pension, and my reply was, "You know very well you have no business to ask a candidate such a question as that; the candidate cannot make any promises of that kind."

18,595. And you made that note?—Yes.

18,596. Then the next one is, "D. Birch; very favourable and poor;" what did you mean by that?—I have no doubt that that is the absolute state of the case.

18,597. What had "poor" to do with it?—I might have been surprised at the state of misery the man was in.

18,598. What had his being poor got to do with your canvassing book or your canvass?—You must, I think, a little bear in mind that I had never canvassed before for any electioneering purposes, and that I simply put down there the result of my visit, and Mr. Cloke, I think it was, who told me that my remarks were singularly correct; that is all that I know about it; and if I had said that the man had a bad leg it would have been the same thing.

18,599. I do not wish to press you at all more than necessary; but you see yourself, of course, the full effect of these questions, and I should like to have your final explanation as to what you meant by writing down

against a man who you put down as a Conservative, "Very favourable and poor"?—I can tell you nothing more. I have no recollection of the man's face; but, writing it down at the time, no doubt I had come to the conclusion that he was a very poor man.

18,600. (Mr. Turner.) Was not it in reference to notice being taken of his poverty?—I had no *arrière pensée*.

18,601. (Mr. Jeune.) What had his poverty to do with his being a Liberal or Conservative, or with his voting or not voting for you?—I meant any remark that I put down there to be a true state of the case, and it had no reference to relieving the poor man.

18,602. Did not it strike you, this book, going into the hands of Mr. Cloke or anybody else, it would be a hint to them that he was a man who wanted money and ought to have it?—So little did I anticipate a petition, that I should have put down "Give him something" if I had thought it necessary.

18,603. Then I see "Edward Bettison, very warm;" that means that he was a strong Conservative?—Yes.

18,604. Then I see here "Thomas Jones;" what is the note against his name?—"Promised—wants a little drop."

18,605. What did you mean by that?—After the man had given me his promise he ran down the street after me and said, "Well, guv'nor, I suppose you are going to stand us a little drop?" and I said, "You know very well you cannot ask a candidate that;" upon which he turned the corner of the street, and I wrote that down.

18,606. What object had you in writing it down?—I supposed he was a liquory fellow.

18,607. What object had you in writing opposite a voter's name in your book that he wanted a little drop?—I did not look upon my canvass book and the remarks in it in the serious way which I now see you gentlemen take it, and I put in the actual results of my visits.

18,608. I see many other notes strictly relevant to the inquiry, such as "Would not promise;" "See again;" "Out; saw wife;" "Never promises anybody;" "Lives with his sister; out;" and so on; all of which are remarks strictly relevant to the objects of the canvass; but then comes this note, "Wants a little drop;" do you wish to give any explanation as to how it was you came to write that in your canvass book?—That is exactly how it happened.

18,609. What is the note opposite Mr. George Lock's name?—"George Lock, gent., railway agent; very favourable now." I think I had some little difficulty in finding this man, and somebody in the street said, "It is George Lock, gent., you want;" and I said, "What do you mean?" and they said, "He considers himself a gentleman." Subsequently he met me in the street and said that he was coming it over me, or something of that kind; and he said, "You know I was a very strong Liberal, but I am a Conservative now."

18,610. What are the words in pencil?—"Railway agent; very favourable now." I had previously marked him off as a Liberal, and you see I have rubbed through the word "Liberal" there.

18,611. What is the note opposite James Town's name?—"Wants liquoring."

18,612. What does that mean?—That he was one of the lushy gentlemen that came to me in the same sort of way as the other fellow had done.

18,613. It meant that he wanted it?—Yes.

18,614. Did it mean that he was to get it?—No, I could not treat, I had no idea that a glass of liquor had been ever given to anybody.

18,615. You say "wants liquoring"?—Yes, I marked him as a Conservative, and he followed me and said, "You are going to stand us something, guv'nor, I suppose," and I said, "You know that is out of the question," and I made that memorandum.

18,616. Did it not mean that somebody should see that he got that which he wanted?—No, I am quite positive about that, because I had no idea that they would or that they did give anything for liquor at all; in fact, I do not know that you have had any liquor proved as being given away.

18,617. What is the note opposite William Rogers' name?—"William Rogers, maltster, wants to be seen," and then there is something which I cannot read "each" it looks like.

18,618. Is not the word "cash," certainly it looks more like cash than anything else?—Until you mention it now I should not have taken that view of it at all.

18,619. Cannot you say what other word it is?—No, I

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cannot. Now you suggest it it does look like it, but I did not see it till you pointed it out, no doubt it might be that.

18,620. If that was the word can you suggest what it meant, "Wants to be seen, cash," that he wanted cash?—Yes, but my impression is that only one person in the whole place asked me for anything, he did not ask me for cash but he simply walked me to the back of the house and opened a door and said, "Do you see that," and I said "What," and he said, "My coal cellar is empty."

18,621. Then I see here "George Carlton," what is opposite his name?—"Wants much assistance, Mr. Cottew's house, had much illness in the house, half a year's rent," then come some words struck out.

18,622. One of the words struck out, I think you will agree with me, is the amount of the rent?—Yes, it looks like that.

18,623. What was the meaning of that entry?—A woman told me something about having got a distress in the house.

18,624. Is not this the entry, "Wants much assistance Mr. Cottew's house, had much illness in the house, half a year's rent at 3s., 3l. 18s. 6d.?"—Yes, I think that is it.

18,625. What did you mean by writing that opposite the name of a voter?—That was the amount of distress or something of that sort that was in the house. When I saw that woman she wanted that assistance, and when I came out the man who went round with me said, "It is useless your making a memorandum of that kind, because you cannot, while you are canvassing, listen to a thing of that kind," and then my impression is there arose the scratching out that you see, the pencil was run through it in that way.

18,626. Your attention was called by somebody with you at the time that it was no use your making notes of that kind, because they could not be attended to at the time, for reasons connected with the election?—Yes.

18,627. Five names lower down this occurs, "Stiles, Thomas H., mother wants to liquor up?"—Yes, that is it; she was three-parts drunk then and she got hold of me and wanted to know whether I would not liquor her up.

18,628. Why did you write that down?—Because she was a person to be very much avoided.

18,629. About 10 minutes before, it had been suggested to you that it was no use to write down things of this sort in your book, because they could not be attended to at election times, why should you write down that this person's mother wanted liquoring up. Then I see three names lower down again, "John Terry, wife wants liquoring up," that is so, is it not?—Yes.

18,630. I suppose that was a person whose wife was in that condition of want you have described?—If I had had any experience I should not have written such things down.

18,631. What is that opposite Thomas Hurst, he has been put down as Conservative and then struck out in pencil, with some words written opposite?—Yes, "Query, wife favourable and been a great sufferer." Someone told me I need not go and see Thomas Hurst as he was all right and a Conservative, but I did see him and he was not a Conservative. I called at the house and he was out, but the wife was there and she was favourable.

18,632. He would not promise you?—No, he was against us altogether.

18,633. You say, "A great sufferer," did you mean that he wanted something to relieve his sufferings?—He did not tell me that, it was the same sort of memorandum I should have made if I had come across a man with a dozen children.

18,634. Then opposite George Edward Farrier there is something which I cannot read?—"Send some Brahee sugar powder."

18,635. What is that?—A specific against rheumatism; I am a great sufferer from rheumatism myself, and that is a quack medicine that I have found very efficacious.

18,636. George Farrier was also a sufferer from rheumatism?—Yes, doubled up with it.

18,637. That note meant that somebody was to take care that it was sent?—I sent him some myself.

18,638. Then opposite James Smith's name there is a note, "expenses to Ramsgate to be paid; can bring others, Brett and Stiles"—what did that mean?—I forget now.

18,639. Did it mean that you told him that his expenses for going to and fro from Ramsgate would be paid?—Yes.

18,640. You saw him at Sandwich?—Yes, no doubt, or else I should not have made the memorandum.

18,641. "Expenses to Ramsgate to be paid," does not that mean that he was to have his expenses?—Yes.

18,642. You put him down as promising to vote for you?—Yes.

18,643. I suppose you meant, and do not let me suggest it if it is not so, that he was to have his expenses either of going to Ramsgate, or to and from Ramsgate, given to him, he then being at Sandwich?—I cannot charge my memory now; I am not sure whether that man was not with me canvassing.

18,644. What should you pay his expenses to Ramsgate for; he was at Sandwich you see; do you know what the entry means?—I cannot at all recollect.

18,645. Then I see against Pain, Frederick R., "C. R. to see"—what does that mean?—I had marked this man off as having seen him, and then somebody told me I had not seen him, and that I must go and see him myself.

18,646. What is that note opposite Mr. John Wood; "D" stands for doubtful, I suppose?—Yes, I put him down as a Liberal.

18,647. Rather faintly as a Liberal, and then there is a "D" which stands for doubtful?—If you were to make notes in the streets of Deal with an east wind blowing, as it was then, I do not think you would make them much better.

18,648. What is the note?—"Wife just confined; see; query busy." They told me something about this man, John Wood, being a great deal too busy to see me.

18,649. What had his wife being just confined to do with it?—I was going into the room, having tapped at the door, and she said, "Come in," and the wife had been but a very short time confined.

18,650. Did not it mean that something was to be sent to her in her confinement?—I had not that idea.

18,651. Your accountant, I think you state, posts up your ledger from this pass book?—Yes.

18,652. And finding an entry, "Hoare 500l.;" he posted it under Mr. Hoare's name in your ledger?—Yes.

18,653. There is a heading at folio 146 in your ledger of extra expenses?—Extra payments.

18,654. Which includes the payments made to Mr. Hughes on account of your election?—Yes.

18,655. The cheques drawn and payments made to Mr. Hughes were payments in connexion with your election?—Yes.

18,656. And you knew it at the time?—Yes.

18,657. Did you tell your accountant to enter that payment, which in fact was a payment in connexion with the election, with the other payments which were in connexion with the election?—No, I had not seen my accountant when this book was entered up.

18,658. You see those entries as they stand are inaccurate; they do not include all the payments made in connexion with the election?—No, there are two amounts that ought to have come in.

18,659. The result of giving the cheque to Mr. Hoare was that it first of all appears in your pass book under the name of Hoare, and not under the name of Hughes?—Yes, quite so; there is no account opened to Mr. Hughes in this ledger.

18,660. A further result of giving the cheque in the name of Mr. Hoare was that it appears in your ledger under the name of Hoare in the loan account, and not under the head of extra expenses, which includes expenses in connexion with your election?—Yes, quite so.

18,661. Did it suggest itself to your mind at the time that that would be the effect of giving a cheque in the name of Mr. Hoare?—I had no idea that my account would be posted up before I had had time to go into it.

18,662. I will put it in this form so that you may be able to answer straightforwardly, was it your intention when you gave the cheque in the name of Mr. Hoare, or was it your object, that it should so appear in the pass book, and in your ledger?—I have fully stated that the object I had was to protect the cheque going through the post; it was sent to Mr. Hoare and crossed to his order.

18,663. Was it crossed to his order?—The word "Bearer" would be sure to be struck out in sending it through the post.

18,664. If you had given the cheque to Mr. Hughes, direct to his order, would not that have produced the

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same result?—I did not know that Mr. Hughes was coming down.

18,665. Upon the 5th May, no, but upon the 11th May, you did?—Yes; but upon the 11th May it was simply made payable to Mr. Hoare, that he might see that I had got sufficient balance in the bank, and that he might collect the money himself.

18,666. That cheque for 600*l.* to Mr. Hoare was given into the hands of Mr. Hughes himself, was it not?—Yes.

18,667. He was coming to London, and was going to get the money through Mr. Hoare?—Yes.

18,668. You say your only reason for drawing the cheque in the name of Mr. Hoare was that Mr. Hoare might assure himself that you had a balance at the bank exceeding 600*l.*?—Funds to meet it.

18,669. Do you know whether Mr. Hoare ever had that cheque passed through his hands at all?—I have not the slightest doubt he did, but I never asked him.

18,670. Do you know whether it was an order cheque, or cheque to bearer?—I do not know, but I should certainly say it was to order.

18,671. Do you know whether, as a matter of fact, Mr. Hoare ever went to that bank at all, and enquired whether there was balance enough?—I have no doubt he did.

18,672. Do you know one way or the other?—I have never asked him, but I have no doubt he did.

18,673. You say your only reason was that you were not sure whether there was a balance at the bank sufficient to meet the 600*l.*?—Yes, that is so.

18,674. I see upon the credit side of your pass book, upon May 7th, there appears to be this, "Cash from "Deposit account, 2,500*l.*," leaving therefore at that moment a considerable balance in your favour. Did you direct 2,500*l.* to be placed to your credit from the deposit account upon May 7th?—No.

18,675. How did it get there?—I suppose my account was overdrawn.

18,676. I see you are right, the account was slightly overdrawn?—If that were so, the bank would do it if there was anything on deposit.

18,677. It was as a matter of fact overdrawn to a very small amount; some 60*l.* Do I understand it is your banker's habit, if your account is overdrawn, to place to your credit what there is upon deposit account?—Yes.

18,678. Did you know at that time what it was that you had standing to deposit account?—No.

18,679. I see upon the 3rd May 1880, there being already 6,500*l.* at your deposit account, 4,000*l.* are added, making upon the whole 10,500*l.* at your deposit account, did you know before May 7th that you had at your deposit account 10,500*l.*?—No.

18,680. How came that 4,000*l.* to be added upon May 3rd to your deposit account?—Most likely my accountant had removed it from my current account.

18,681. From your current account to your deposit account?—Yes.

18,682. This pass book begins early on May 5th, have you the pass book that comes before that?—No.

18,683. This pass book begins upon the very day you go down to Sandwich?—I can send you the other pass book.

18,684. It starts with a balance slightly against you, and I should like to see the other one. You had before May 3rd 6,500*l.* standing upon your deposit account, and upon that same day you added 4,000*l.*, and I ask you, did you know before the 3rd May there was 6,500*l.* standing at your deposit account?—No, I had not seen my banker's book or ledger, I do not think, since Christmas.

18,685. Do you wish to say that you were ignorant on May 3rd that there was as much as 10,500*l.* standing at your deposit account?—I did not know there was anything. If you consider, I have a very large business to attend to, and I employ a gentleman to take care of these accounts for me, and in fact the whole of my accounts. He balances up the whole of my accounts every year, that is, strikes a balance for me.

18,686. How is the amount taken from your drawing account to the deposit account?—If it were the banker's they would not move from the drawing account to the deposit account, but it would be the other way.

18,687. I ask you how it is the money got from the drawing account to the deposit account, does it not get there by cheque?—No.

18,688. Look at that item in the pass book on the 4th August 1880, "Deposit 2,000*l.*"; would not that be by cheque?—No. The gentleman taking charge of my

accounts upon finding that he had got at the current account more money than was wanted, would walk into the deposit department and say, "Transfer so much "from Mr. Crompton Roberts' current account to the "deposit account."

18,689. Has he authority to transfer sums from your drawing account to your deposit account without any cheque of yours?—Yes.

18,690. There would be no cheque representing that 2,000*l.*?—No. I am not quite certain whether there would not be some form that he would have to fill up to give the bank authority to do it.

18,691. It is not what he has to do, but what you have to do. There would be no cheque of yours?—No.

18,692. Nor order?—No.

18,693. With regard to this 4,000*l.* put to your deposit account upon the 3rd May, was there any cheque or order of yours effecting that transfer?—None whatever that I am aware of. It may save a great deal of trouble if I tell you that the gentleman who has charge of my private accounts is the son of a gentleman who had charge of them for over 20 years; he became a little paralysed, and the son took charge of them; he is a gentleman engaged in a solicitor's office in the City, and carries on matters in the same way as his father did, and the bank know him personally; and I believe if he were to walk in they would do anything for him the same as myself.

18,694. What I am calling attention to is this: you drew a cheque for 600*l.* in Mr. Hoare's name because you were uncertain whether you had funds to meet it, and you tell me that the bankers have a standing order to make up your account if it be overdrawn from the deposit account, and I find at that time you had 10,500*l.* standing at your deposit account; and what I want to know is, whether you were wholly ignorant at that time that you had so large a sum as 10,500*l.* at your deposit account?—I did not know I had any standing at my deposit account at the moment.

18,695. Did it strike you that the natural thing or the easiest thing would have been to have written or telegraphed to the bank to know the state of your account before drawing the cheque?—I should have thought the way I adopted was the simplest.

18,696. To draw a cheque out to another person in order that he may go and see whether your account was overdrawn?—Allow me a moment. Supposing my account had been overdrawn, and there had been nothing on deposit, under ordinary circumstances and with an ordinary customer the bank would refuse to honour the cheque, because there was not money enough, but supposing my partner went, who is known as my partner in business, he could say, "Look here, he has drawn "this cheque, and you say he has overdrawn, our firm "will be answerable for it if there is anything wrong "about it," and that would be sufficient; and they would, under those circumstances, pay the cheque.

18,697. Have you the slightest doubt if you had written or telegraphed to your bank that they would have honoured a cheque of yours to a much larger amount upon that order?—I thought the system I adopted was the best and most businesslike.

18,698. The effect was, and I am sure you will see it, that no trace whatever of that payment appears either in the pass book or in the ledger as a payment to Mr. Hughes, or as a payment in connexion with the Sandwich election?—It has turned out so.

18,699. That you say was not in your mind when you pursued that course?—Yes, quite so.

18,700. Have you upon any other occasion drawn a cheque to Mr. Hoare in the same way which was intended for somebody else?—I should have no hesitation in doing the same thing to-morrow as a matter of business.

18,701. No doubt, but my question is, had you ever before that time done the same thing before?—I should say I have done it fifty times.

18,702. Drawn a cheque to Mr. Hoare which was meant for somebody else when you had doubts whether there was sufficient at your bank to meet it. You are in the habit, I suppose, of drawing cheques for considerable amounts?—Yes, very large sums.

18,703. Had you ever before resorted to this plan of guarding your account, if I may use the phrase; that is to say, drawing a cheque to Mr. Hoare in order that he might see whether the account was overdrawn?—Yes; I have had one or two very nasty letters from my bankers saying that the account was overdrawn.

18,704. That is not quite an answer to my question,

is it?—I was trying to think whether I could recollect a particular instance such as you allude to, but I do not at this moment.

18,705-6. I see this entry in your ledger on May 8th, "To Sandwich election, Hughes, 800*l*." that is written over what obviously is an erasure; do you know what was written in that book before that erasure was made?—Yes, I do know. I saw the erasure in my book which I think is the first erasure that I have seen, and I was very angry with the gentleman who attends to it, and I wrote this memorandum, "Please never to scratch out in my books, always rule through if an error is made. What was this taken out? C.R.," and the answer that I got to that was "52*l*. 10*s*. transferred to house account book, page 41."

18,707. You mean that 52*l*. 10*s*. would be the item before, and in place of it was written, "Sandwich election, Hughes, 500*l*."?—Yes.

18,708. You went over this book I gather from that yourself, and noticed that erasure?—I sent for my books just as I was going off to the Sandwich petition, and I saw that erasure.

18,709. Was that the first time you had seen these entries in these books?—Yes.

18,710. You saw then that these items to Mr. Hughes did not exhaust the payments for the expenses at Sandwich, or anything like it?—Yes.

18,711. Did you know at that time that the 1,400*l*., or whatever the sum was, had been obtained by Mr. Hughes through Mr. Hoare?—At the time of the petition do you mean?

18,712. Yes?—What was the date of the petition?

18,713. The first day was the 5th of August; did you know then that this 1,400*l*. had been obtained by Mr. Hughes through Mr. Hoare?—No, I think I did not know. I think I first knew it upon coming and talking it over with my partner.

18,714. I think you said upon the last occasion that you found it out first when there was some balancing of the partnership profits?—The partnership drawings.

18,715. When do you balance?—It is supposed to be done every time a drawing takes place.

18,716. Was there any drawing between May and August?—No; my impression, speaking merely from impression, because I cannot be positive, is that I was aware of this immediately upon my coming back from the Sandwich petition.

18,717. Can you say with certainty that that was the first time you knew that this 1,400*l*. had been obtained from Mr. Hoare?—Yes, to the best of my belief, it is so.

18,718. You knew at that time, of course, when you saw this book that the cheques for 500*l*. and 600*l*. drawn upon Mr. Hoare were intended to go to Mr. Hughes for the purposes of the Sandwich election?—Yes, precisely.

18,719. Seeing these items incomplete, may I ask why you did not have the extra payments completed by those two items of 500*l*. and 600*l*?—I thought it desirable to leave my book exactly in the state in which it was.

18,720. You were at the Sandwich petition?—Yes.

18,721. Did you hear the trial?—A large portion of it.

18,722. Did you hear Mr. Hughes give his evidence?—Yes.

18,723. Did you hear him say that 4,000*l*. was all the money he had had from you?—I was surprised to hear it.

18,724. He was asked, "How much money altogether did you have of Mr. Roberts," and his answer was "4,000*l*." Did you hear him say that?—I was surprised to hear him say it.

18,725. You knew it was false?—I did not know how he could make it out.

18,726. You knew that he had had, apart from the 1,400*l*., which you may not then have known about, 4,600*l*?—Yes.

18,727. You heard him say that he had only received 4,000*l*?—Yes.

18,728. And you say you were surprised to hear him say that?—Yes.

18,729. It struck you at the moment that that was not an accurate statement?—I did not see how it was made out.

18,730. You did not think it any part of your duty to suggest what the real fact was, and to state that Mr. Hughes had in fact received more than that from you?—

I was rather muddled altogether; I could not make it out.

18,731. (Mr. Holl.) There was a cheque that Mr. Hughes mentioned as having been given to his son for 354*l*. that was sent up to London; do you know anything about that?—No.

18,732. There is also another account which was paid in to an account, I think, at Woolwich, through Glyn's bank upon the 12th or 13th May; do you know anything about that?—The only items I am conversant with are those I have stated. I do not know anything about any others.

18,733. When did you first become aware that there had been bribery to a considerable extent?—Upon receipt of the particulars of the petition.

18,734. Did you then learn at all to what extent it had been carried on?—Mr. Spofforth showed me these particulars, and my remark was, "How absurd," and he said, "Well, I do not think they would have got these particulars down without there was some foundation for them," and I instructed him to investigate the matter.

18,735. Do I understand that at that time you were not yourself aware there had been any actual bribery?—I was not cognizant of it.

18,736. Without being cognizant of it, as a fact, had you heard, or had you had any information in regard to there having been bribery very largely practised?—No, I never heard whether there was any large or small bribery, or bribery of any kind.

18,737. I understand you to say that the first intimation you had of there having been any bribery was when Mr. Spofforth showed you the particulars of the petition?—Yes.

18,738. The particulars would only show what charges were made; what did he say to you with regard to whether or not it was true?—I looked upon it as an absurd thing. I had an idea that it was a false charge altogether, and then he made this remark that I have stated, and then I said, "You must look into this;" and I said further, "If you on your investigation believe there is any truth in this, or any part of it, the seat is lost, and it is no use defending it." I did not want him to go to the expense of defending the petition, and then he told me I knew nothing about the law, and it was necessary to defend it. I said I did not see the use of my going to the expense of defending the thing if there were any truth in the charges.

18,739. You gave him instructions to investigate the matter?—Yes.

18,740. When did he first make you acquainted with the result of his inquiries?—He was down several days at Sandwich, and I find I am charged with an amount of 1,170*l*. for his investigation and working the thing.

18,741. (Mr. Turner.) Had you any communication with Mr. Hughes when you saw these particulars in the petition?—I told Mr. Spofforth to see him. I had not seen Mr. Hughes. 1,171*l*. 17*s*. 11*d*. I find is what I have paid for the Sandwich petition.

18,742. (Mr. Holl.) You say that Mr. Spofforth was down there for some days? Upon his return, when did he first make you acquainted with the result of his inquiries?—If I recollect rightly, the particulars of the petition were not given until very nearly the day when the petition was tried; a certain number of days must intervene, and my impression is, that directly after he got these particulars, he went down to Sandwich and investigated the matter, and upon his return from elucidating the matter, being away three or four days, he came and said, "No doubt there is some truth in it, and your seat is lost," or, "You cannot retain your seat," and I said, "If that is the case do not let us throw good money after bad, why defend the thing?" and he then said that there was some legal quibble or other, that a man must defend it, which I did not quite understand, and so it is that I have incurred all this extra expense.

18,743. Was that the first intimation you got of there having been bribery practised?—Yes. He returned and said there must be some truth in it, and, in fact, he said so when he read all these charges.

18,744. (Mr. Turner.) Between that and the hearing of the petition had you no communication with Mr. Hughes?—No, not personally.

18,745. (Mr. Holl.) Did Mr. Spofforth tell you to what extent he had ascertained that bribery had been practised?—No.

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18,746. He simply told you that he found there was truth in the charges, and you would probably lose your seat?—Yes; that there had been some mess made, or something of that sort.

18,747. Had you heard before that any rumour, or had you had any intimation at all that there had been bribery?—If you speak about rumour I was met in the House by one or two people, who said, "It was a very expensive election, I suppose," and I said, "I do not know. I think not," or something of that kind, and they said, "We thought it must have been a very expensive election to contend against a man like Sir Julian Goldsmid." Sometimes rumours fly quicker than your own private information, and when you ask me whether I heard any rumours, I say I heard that sort of conversation and rumour in the House.

18,748. Had you any intimation or idea in your own mind prior to that, that there had been bribery practised in the course of the election?—No.

18,749. (Mr. Turner.) You had not heard that Sir Julian Goldsmid meditated a petition immediately after the election?—I think about three or four days afterwards my brother stated to me he had met Sir Julian Goldsmid, that he stopped and spoke to him, and he said he looked as though he were going to meditate some evil, and he said to me, "If there is anything wrong, he is safe to get up a petition." I think that was a few days, something like a week or fortnight subsequent to the election.

18,750. (Mr. Jeune.) Going back to these accounts of the pass book; you say you would be good enough to bring the prior pass book to the one you have furnished me with?—Yes, and I am sorry I have not got it here.

18,751. What is this account marked folio 41?—When my accountant copies my accounts all items which are not to be charged to any particular ledger account go down to the house account.

18,752. I see upon May 22nd there is a cheque to Mr. Nethersole for 31l. 15s. 6d. which goes into the house account?—Yes, this (*producing a paper*) is the bill for it.

18,753. That was for wine, and was consumed during the time?—Yes, and some was brought back to London.

18,754. How does your accountant know to what account to put this?—I send him all the bills to endorse.

18,755. He has the bills before him and this book?—Yes.

18,756. Then later on, June 22nd, I see, "Nethersole, 50l.," what was that?—I had several applications after I left to subscribe to various sick people, and I wrote to Mr. Nethersole upon the subject. He is a gentleman who has the confidence, not only of the Church people there, but also the Nonconformists, and I asked him, if he would kindly, as I thought I might be taken in, allow me to send him any letters I got, and if he thought they were people who should receive charity from me, pay it for me. I got an acknowledgment from him, saying he would be very pleased to be my almoner, but I do not know whether he has spent any of that 50l. or not.

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18,770. (Mr. Turner.) Are you clerk to Mr. Spofforth?—Yes, managing clerk.

18,771. And you are a Deal man by birth, I believe?—No, I was born at Sandwich.

18,772. When did you first go down to Deal or Sandwich in the matter of this election?—At the time of the general election first.

18,773. The uncontested election you mean?—Yes.

18,774. What was the object of your going down then?—Mr. Crompton Roberts was anxious to stand for Sandwich at the general election, if the Conservative party thought it was a fit time.

18,775. What was the result of your enquiries?—The result was the leaders of the Conservative party considered it would be much better to wait for a fit opportunity—they were not quite sure of their footing they thought, and they did not like to bring a man there to be robbed—that they thought an election was sure to be expensive, and it was better to wait till a certainty.

18,776. Then you went down again?—Yes.

18,777. When was that—you went down again, I think, shortly before the single election?—Yes.

18,757. You gave it to him to spend in charities?—Yes.

18,758. How did your accountant know that that was to go under the head of charities?—I should think, most likely, the cheque would be marked "C. y" in the corner.

18,759. Has Mr. Nethersole given you any account as to how that 50l. has been spent?—I have never asked him for it, and I do not think it has been spent. That was some time after the election, you notice.

18,760. Yes, a month?—I got two or three letters, and it would have taken me a considerable time to get at the truth of them, and Mr. Nethersole being upon the spot, I asked him to do it for me.

18,761. (Mr. Holl.) Were there any further personal expenses besides these that have been disclosed in those accounts, and what you have mentioned to us?—No, not a penny of any kind.

18,762. There is nothing at all that you can recollect beyond those items mentioned in this account, and the other items you have mentioned to us?—I think I did tell you that my wife and myself went down without any money, because we were hurried away in the manner I have described, and, therefore, as regards some of those sums appearing in the account, my wife may have had some of the money. I have no doubt in my own mind that I received all those amounts, and the only one that puzzled me was the 60l. With regard to all the others, I have no doubt they were spent in ordinary personal expenditure, such as, which perhaps you would not call ordinary expenditure, giving 10l. to the gentlemen who came to help me. I gave, as I have mentioned already, 10l. to a gentleman who went over to Ramsgate to fetch a friend to speak for me, and I gave to all those who came to help me something, some 5l., and others 10l. to pay for their travelling expenses, and the trouble they had been at in coming.

18,763. Beyond what we have already seen, and what you have already mentioned, are there any other personal expenses which you can call to mind?—No, that account was made out for the purpose of ascertaining to a penny the total cost of the election.

18,764. (Mr. Jeune.) You did work out the total cost of the election?—Yes.

18,765. At what conclusion did you arrive as to the total cost?—I always was under the impression, or had got a little notion that elections cost something like 10,000l., and I thought I had done it economically.

18,766. (Mr. Turner.) Have you come to the figure at all which it has cost you?—Subtracting the cost of the petition it has cost me 6,500l.

18,767. (Mr. Holl.) That is without your personal expenditure?—Yes, without what you tell me now I ought to have brought in, and that would make it 7,000l. You must take off something because one must live somewhere, and my living costs me more than that for three weeks all the year round.

18,768. I understand you have now told us of all the sums you have paid directly or indirectly in connexion with the election?—Yes.

18,769. Everything you can think of?—Yes, every halfpenny I can think of.

18,778. Do you remember the day you went down?—No, I do not recollect the day.

18,779. Was it about the 4th of May—I think I may take it as such from this account of expenses?—I think a little before that.

18,780. I see there is "Cab to Charing Cross," and "Rail to Deal"?—That is when I went down, but I went down once before that at the time when Mr. Crompton Roberts first went to Deal—I went the night before.

18,781. What did you hear—that it would be an expensive matter when you went down before the general election?—Yes.

18,782. Did you hear any sum mentioned at all?—No. I have an indistinct recollection of about 5,000l. being mentioned.

18,783. Did you mention that to Mr. Crompton Roberts or Mr. Spofforth?—I am not sure, I think I must have done.

18,784. Who told you it would be 5,000l.; do you remember that?—No.

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18,785. Who did you see when you went down before the general election?—Dr. Hulke and Mr. Usher.

18,786. Did you see Mr. Olds at all?—No, I did not see Mr. Olds then.

18,787. Then was it Dr. Hulke who told you it would cost 5,000*l.*?—We did not go into it so far. As I say, I saw Dr. Hulke, and he said they had made up their minds so positively it would be useless to fight the election at that time.

18,788. Somebody appears to have told you it might be 5,000*l.*, cannot you bring to your recollection who it was who said that?—No, I cannot.

18,789. At all events, whoever it was, when you came back you think you reported it to Mr. Crompton Roberts, or Mr. Spofforth?—Yes.

18,790. Mr. Roberts did not stand at that election, as we know, and you went down again?—Yes.

18,791. There is an item of May 4th, "Cab to Charing Cross, and rail to Deal"?—Yes.

18,792. Was that the occasion when you went down about the election in May?—Yes.

18,793. What were your instructions when you went down there—your instructions, I mean, from Mr. Spofforth, or from Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Well, I had really no time for instructions. Mr. Crompton Roberts had received a telegram in the morning, and he came into our office, as he thought Mr. Spofforth was going down there to conduct the election. I do not know whether Mr. Spofforth intended to go or not at that time, but at any rate Mr. Crompton Roberts wished me to go, and insisted on my going at that time, and I had to meet him at the train after he went to his house on business. I went off directly without any clothes or change of apparel of any kind.

18,794. You went after you saw Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.

18,795. Why was that?—Simply as secretary to Mr. Crompton Roberts.

18,796. Was it because you were well acquainted with the place as being a Sandwich man?—Undoubtedly it was.

18,797. Did you know many people in the borough?—Yes, most of the people. I had been away from the borough for some time of course, but I had a pretty intimate acquaintance with the place.

18,798. What was the first thing you did when you got down to Deal, who did you put yourself in communication with, and who was the first person you saw?—Well, I think we went direct to the "Royal" Hotel.

18,799. Did anybody go with you?—Mr. Crompton Roberts and myself went together.

18,800. Mr. Crompton Roberts and you, you mean, went down together?—Yes, when I went down the second time.

18,801. Who did he or you put yourselves in communication with?—Well, the leaders of the Conservative party there.

18,802. Where did you meet them?—At the "Royal" Hotel.

18,803. Did they meet you there?—They came there.

18,804. On the day you went down?—In the course of the evening. I think we arrived about 7, and soon after there were a number of gentlemen came; Dr. Hulke and the Rev. Mr. Woolmer, and several others. I could not think of them for the moment.

18,805. What was the result of that meeting?—It was more for an introduction to Mr. Crompton Roberts than anything else. The meeting at which they decided to accept him as the candidate was some week or so before then.

18,806. Was any plan of action resolved upon at this meeting on the evening of the 4th?—I think not. I think Mr. Crompton Roberts went off to a meeting at a public-house somewhere at North End, and I did not accompany him. I had something to do in the hotel and I stayed behind.

18,807. When did you first begin to take an active part in the election?—Well, "an active part," I suppose when Mr. Hughes came down. He asked me if I was going to remain, and I said I did not know, it depended entirely on Mr. Spofforth, that he was coming down, and I said I would wait and see.

18,808. Did Mr. Hughes come down the same evening that you did?—The 4th of May. No, either the next night or the night after that.

18,809. Did you do anything yourself with reference

to public-houses?—Yes, the morning after Mr. Hughes got down he asked me, if I was going to remain, whether I would go round to secure the public-houses and take receipts and so on. Although they had been engaged, to a certain extent, no money had passed and no receipts had been taken.

18,810. What did you do?—I went round with Mr. Olds. Mr. Olds had, to some extent, engaged most of them before-hand.

18,811. Was that the first time you had seen Mr. Olds?—No, I knew Mr. Olds very well.

18,812. I do not mean was that the first time you had seen him in your life, but with reference to this election. Did he not come to that meeting on the evening of the 4th?—I think he must have been there. I think I particularly recollect Dr. Hulke introducing him to Mr. Crompton Roberts.

18,813. Was it then arranged that you and Mr. Olds should go round and get receipts from the public-houses?—Not till the morning.

18,814. The morning of the 5th?—Yes.

18,815. Now there is an item of 17*l.*, "disbursements and expenses at 70 public-houses while engaged with Mr. Olds in securing same for election"?—Yes, that was disbursements I made. I had been out of pocket going about during the election. At that time, we had to spend a considerable sum in these public-houses as we went round.

18,816. How was that 17*l.* incurred?—Well, it was spent in treating.

18,817. Treating people at the public houses?—Yes.

18,818. Whom did you treat there?—Well, I cannot say.

18,819. Were they chance customers whom you found when you went?—Yes.

18,820. And you treated them whether they were voters or not?—Yes.

18,821. Who advanced this 17*l.*?—I found it out of my own pocket as I went on. I was considerably out of pocket at the time I received some from Mr. Crompton Roberts.

18,822. Did you get receipts for the 70 public-houses?—Yes.

18,823. What more did you do as to the public-houses, did you get any others besides the 70 while you were there?—No, that is all I really did, so far as the conduct of the election went, or anything connected with the conduct of the election. I simply went on my own behalf in Mr. Crompton Roberts' interest from that time.

18,824. Did you return to London on the 8th. I see there is "Rail return to London, 1*l.* 5*s.*"?—Yes, I did return about a week after I had been down.

18,825. The 8th would be less than a week, because you went on the 4th. Did you come back again to Deal after that?—Yes, I think it was on the Saturday, if I recollect rightly, and I returned on the Monday. I had to come back to business.

18,826. Then "Telegrams 8*s.*," and "Egbert Hayward, for apartments as per receipt, 12*l.* 12*s.*." What is that for?—That is Ward House, Prince of Wales' Terrace.

18,827. Who took those apartments?—I did.

18,828. For yourself?—They were partially engaged by someone. Mr. Crompton Roberts had friends coming down and I was to see that they were all ready for these people when they came.

18,829. You engaged them for Mr. Crompton Roberts and his friends?—Yes.

18,830. For what time was that 12*l.* 12*s.*, how many weeks?—I do not know whether two or three weeks.

18,831. Did you pay that yourself?—Yes.

18,832. At what time, about, were they taken?—They were taken in the early part of the election, the first week I was there.

18,833. Then there is an item of "Mrs. Crofts or Mrs. Cox for charity, as directed, 3*l.*"?—That is the poor woman mentioned in Mr. Compton Robert's statement. Some poor woman that he went and found she was in great distress; she had lost two or three children, and I met Mr. Crompton Roberts one morning, and he said I was to be there, and go and relieve her. He did not know where she lived or who she was, but he described as well as he could the sort of house it was, and the only way I could find out was by hunting up the gentleman who was with him when canvassing the morning before, and after great difficulty I found him, and found this poor woman.

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18,834. Was her husband there at all?—I really could not say whether she had a husband or not; I assume she had.

18,835. And I suppose Mr. Crompton Roberts went to canvass there, and that is the reason he came to know of her?—Yes; I am not certain, but I assume so.

18,836. When you returned, after you went to town on the 8th, what part did you take in the election?—I simply assisted Mr. Crompton Roberts in all manner of ways.

18,837. Did you canvas for him or with him?—Yes; I was canvassing about among those whom I thought would be of any assistance to us, and did generally everything Mr. Crompton Roberts wished.

18,838. Would you please condescend to particulars a little?—Now and then he would send for me, the first thing in the morning before breakfast, sometimes to go and read some of his letters, and to do anything that he wanted me to do, write some letters and answer some.

18,839. Was yours the part of secretary to Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, that was the understanding I went down there on.

18,840. Then I see there is 1*l.* to Thomas Baker and others for erecting a flag?—Yes.

18,841. Had you anything to do with the flags?—Only that one. Some boatmen asked me if I could not give them something to do one day, it was a Saturday, and I told them they might go and put a flag up. I knew the men very well.

18,842. Then on the 16th you went to town again?—That was on the Sunday. Mr. Crompton Roberts sent for me the first thing in the morning, and he said he had caught cold the night before, speaking, and there was a meeting advertised for the Monday, and that he was anxious to have some good speakers for that night, and I had to come to London to see if I could find some.

18,843. And did you succeed?—Yes.

18,844. Who did you bring down?—Mr. Gibson.

18,845. Then on the 17th there is, "Rail to Deal, 17*s.*"; that is your return on that occasion?—Yes.

18,846. Then there is an item of 18*l.*, which Mr. Roberts has spoken about; that is, "Sums in various items handed to Dr. Hulke, Mr. Bristowe, and Alderman "Ralph, and others for small charities, and so on, "recommended by them." What is that really?—Small sums of money given by me at various times to those gentlemen, and sums given away by myself during the course of the election, during the whole time. They were mostly small sums.

18,847. What were those "small charities," charitable institutions, or what?—Mostly poor people, similarly situated to that poor woman, Mrs. Crofts or Cox. I had a lot of memoranda relating to those things, but I cannot find them. I searched for them the whole of yesterday.

18,848. What was the object of paying these small sums?—They were to relieve them.

18,849. Were they or their husbands voters?—Mr. Crompton Roberts directed me to do anything of that kind, if I thought it was necessary, at the time he relieved that other woman.

18,850. Were the husbands of these people, or most of them, voters?—I cannot say; I did not make any inquiries. I purposely abstained from making any inquiries.

18,851. How did you find them out?—They were named to me by those gentlemen whose names you have there.

18,852. Did those gentlemen promise them these small sums if they voted?—No.

18,853. What induced Dr. Hulke to come to Mr. Crompton Roberts for money for small charities if there was nothing in it?—I suppose these poor people's cases came to the ears of these gentlemen, and they used to mention it to me, generally about the "Royal" Hotel; I was generally there. I had the full memoranda of these particulars until Mr. Crompton Roberts, about last August, sent me the balance.

18,854. Have not you got these memoranda now?—No, I have been very ill since then. I was away from business and incapacitated from business a long time, and in the interval these things have gone. I cannot lay my hand on them now.

18,855. It seems to me rather strange these sums should have been paid to perfect strangers by Mr. Crompton Roberts, or by you to Mr. Hulke for them, without some object. Were none of the husbands of these people, to whom these small sums were distributed, voters?—Not as far as I am aware. It was not given me

with that object—not the object of influencing any voters.

18,856. What was the object?—Simply to relieve necessity.

18,857. And were the cases all inquired into before they were relieved by you or Dr. Hulke?—I relied on the gentlemen—they were all reliable gentlemen.

18,858. Upon Dr. Hulke?—Yes.

18,859. It never occurred to Dr. Hulke to relieve them himself, did it—he came to Mr. Crompton-Roberts, the candidate, for the money?—Yes; and really the candidate and sitting member for that place is expected to do so.

18,860. The sitting member perhaps, but did not you think it was rather a risky thing to do for Mr. Crompton Roberts who was the candidate?—Undoubtedly it was, but they do run risks at those times.

18,861. Was not the object really to ingratiate Mr. Crompton Roberts with the voters of Deal?—The public generally.

18,862. Was this done without any instructions, or by Mr. Crompton Roberts' instructions?—Not explicit instructions—general instructions to relieve any real case of necessity.

18,863. General instructions to relieve any real case of necessity among the constituency?—Yes.

18,864. Now, there is an item "hotel expenses of self, "16 days, 12*l.*"?—Yes. That is put down at the average rate that I am allowed by Mr. Spofforth. Mr. Spofforth always allows me, on an average, about 15*s.* a day when I am away from home, and that is calculated at that rate.

18,865. Does that include travelling expenses?—No, it is quite outside all out of pocket expenses. That is merely the hotel expenses.

18,866. How long did you stay in Deal or Sandwich?—I think straight off about 16 days.

18,867. Did you stay for the election?—Yes, I returned the next day—the next afternoon.

18,868. After the election?—Yes.

18,869. We have heard from Mr. Crompton Roberts that you applied to him for payment of this account?—About midway it was.

18,870. During the election?—Yes, about midway. I told Mr. Crompton Roberts I was out of pocket to a certain extent, and he said, how much did I require and I told him I did not know, about 50*l.*, I thought, and then he gave me 60*l.*

18,871. At that time you had not incurred the whole of the expenditure?—No.

18,872. Did you think 60*l.* would have covered the whole of this account?—Yes.

18,873. Is it in your handwriting?—Yes.

18,874. This account shows 72*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

18,875. Had Mr. Spofforth any other clerks down there besides you?—No.

18,876. Had you anything to do with the election petition at all—in defending it I mean?—No, I was away ill at the time.

18,877. And when you returned to London on the 19th of May, was that the end of your connexion with the matter?—Entirely; that is why I returned that account immediately after. I think it was sent in within two days after the election.

18,878. Then it appears that you first of all went about with Mr. Olds to these public-houses?—Yes.

18,879. And then you acted as a sort of secretary to Mr. Crompton Roberts while you were there?—Yes.

18,880. And distributed these charities?—Yes.

18,881. Or rather you gave money to Dr. Hulke to do so?—Yes.

18,882. But some you did yourself, I think?—Yes.

18,883. There was not one charitable institution, they were all private cases?—Yes.

18,884. What were the sums in amount that you distributed on an average?—A sovereign at times.

18,885. Sovereigns, shall I say?—Yes, about that.

18,886. Cannot you remember anybody now to whom you distributed money?—No, I made memoranda; but I have lost them.

18,887. You have said they were lost during your illness, but can you call to mind the names of any person who had a sovereign, or any part of the 18*l.*?—No, I cannot tell now, I was so much occupied altogether that I really cannot tell you that.

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18,888. Were you ever engaged in an election before?—Yes.

18,889. At Deal?—Yes, at Deal.

18,890. On behalf of the Conservative candidate?—Yes.

18,891. Was that Mr. Capper?—No, it was Captain Hallett. In the 1874 election.

18,892. Were you there on account of Mr. Spofforth?—No, I was then with a Mr. Martin, at Deal. He was the Conservative agent at that time there.

18,893. And you say you cannot remember one single person to whom you paid this 18*l.*, or any part of it?—No. The only thing I have is this (*producing a card and handing it to the Commissioners*). I found it casually in my pocket two days ago. I put on a coat I happened to have on at the election time and it contained that. That 7*l.* there means 7*l.* given to Dr. Hulke.

18,894. Was that your own money, or did Mr. Crompton Roberts supply any of it?—Mr. Crompton Roberts knew nothing of that individually. It came out of the money I had with me. I recollect that circumstance particularly, and it was in this way. It was on the morning of the election, and I had but about 10*l.* in my pocket, and Dr. Hulke said he had been put to a little expense, that he was a little out of pocket, and he wanted a small sum of money, and I said I had so much in hand, and if I could do it out of that I would rather than have to trouble Mr. Crompton Roberts about it.

18,895. That 7*l.* which you have put down here was your own money?—Yes, I disbursed it out of my own pocket.

18,896. You gave it him out of money in your own pocket?—Yes, I thought I had better pay him, and I did.

18,897. Did you pay the 12*l.* 12*s.* out of your own pocket?—Yes, I thought I had better pay him.

18,898. And did you pay the 18*l.* out of your own pocket for these charities?—No, some of it I did, I think. I had by that time got the 60*l.*, or it was soon after that.

18,899. And the 17*l.* and the 3*l.* for Mrs. Crofts as well. Did you go down supplied by anybody with money, or did you go down with that quantity of your own money in your pocket?—No.

18,900. But did you go at all supplied with money by anybody?—No, because you see I had 5*l.* given me the very night. I had only a sovereign in my pocket the morning I left London, and Mr. Crompton Roberts gave me 5*l.* the same night.

18,901. And friends there, you say, supplied you with money?—Yes, I borrowed some.

18,902. You had none from Mr. Crompton Roberts then until he paid you the 60*l.* on the 12th?—No, except the 5*l.* on the 4th.

18,903. What more can you tell us you had to do with this election?—I had nothing more to do with it. My interest in it terminated with the day of the election.

18,904. Were you at the election?—Yes, I went over after the declaration of the poll with Mr. Spofforth.

18,905. Had you anything to do with the messengers or canvassers?—No, nothing.

18,906. Or the flags?—No, I had nothing at all to do with the conduct of the election. I was simply secretary to Mr. Crompton Roberts, and I refrained from doing anything at all likely to interfere with the voters.

18,907. Then you yourself did not canvass?—Only among those people whom I happened to know.

18,908. How many were they?—I daresay I know a great number of people there; Sandwich in particular. Deal I only know from having lived there.

18,909. Had you no money to influence the election with?—No, certainly not.

18,910. You did not pay anybody?—No, I should purposely have abstained from that because I knew Mr. Spofforth's great dread of anything of that sort. I certainly never attempted it.

18,911. (*Mr. Holl.*) You say you gave 7*l.* to Dr. Hulke?—Yes.

18,912. Was that all he got?—Yes, that was all.

18,913. You are sure?—Yes.

18,914. And that was on the day of the election?—That was about mid-day, I think.

18,915. But on the election day?—Yes, as near as I can recollect.

18,916. Did he tell you what he wanted it for specially?—Petty cash he said.

18,917. Did he ask you for it, or did you offer it to him?—I did not offer it, he simply said he and another gentleman were a little out of pocket, and, I suppose, they thought I should ask Mr. Hughes, or something of that sort, or whether they thought I had not got any money or not I do not know. Dr. Hulke had been connected all along with the election. He was a gentleman I had always seen down there.

18,918. "A little out of pocket;" do you mean they had paid the money, or that they wanted to pay it?—For money they had spent. I think Dr. Hulke paid for some champagne.

18,919. What did he ask you for it for?—I think he said he had paid for some champagne, or something of that sort, as far as I recollect.

18,920. On the day of the election?—Yes, and he wanted about 10*l.*, and I said I had only 10*l.* and I must have some to get home with to-morrow, and I said if 7*l.* would do I would give him that myself.

18,921. I thought you said it was for some charities?—Well I put it down under that head, being the last item I could recollect. I fully expected Mr. Crompton Roberts would ask me for some particulars of that account, and I told Mr. Spofforth when I saw him that I had got so much money to account for, and Mr. Spofforth said, "You had better send in a detailed account" as well as you can," and I did so.

18,922. Was this 7*l.* which you gave to Dr. Hulke to pay for champagne he had paid for, or was it for charities?—He told me it was for petty cash out of pocket.

18,923. But what did he say about it; was it all for champagne which he had paid for?—He enumerated two or three things.

18,924. What were they?—I think there was 30*s.* for damage to a trap, or something of that kind.

18,925. What trap was that, and how did the damage occur; why should Mr. Crompton Roberts pay for damage to a trap?—I do not know. I have a very rough recollection of the circumstance. I did not go into the question.

18,926. You had been electioneering before, you know?—Well, with a gentleman in Dr. Hulke's position I did not like to catechise him too much.

18,927. There is 30*s.* for damage to a trap, now what is the rest?—I am sure I cannot recollect.

18,928. You said he paid for champagne?—Yes. I do not know really what it was. I did not ask him immediately; I relied on his word. With a gentleman of his position, I thought I should be perfectly justified in doing it.

18,929. He asked you for 10*l.*?—About 10*l.*, he thought.

18,930. He must have given you some reason, or said for what he wanted it. You would not give him 10*l.* simply because he said, "Simmons, will you give me 10*l.*?"—If he had done so I should have given it to him if I had got it.

18,931. But you say he mentioned something about damage to a trap, and about some champagne he had paid for; what else did he mention?—I really cannot recollect at this moment.

18,932. Did he say any of this sum was for charity?—He might have said so.

18,933. Of course, he might have said anything, but I want you to take your mind back to the time, and tell us what he really did say, because I think you really must remember more than you are telling us now?—I really do not, and I was trying very hard to remember all yesterday.

18,934. But what charities were these. You say you were very anxious to avoid anything questionable, and this was the middle of the election day. Having been engaged in an election before, you must have been aware that it was a critical time?—I really do not recollect anything else that he said; simply that it was for disbursements.

18,935. How came you to put it down in the account, "Sums at various times handed to Dr. Hulke for small 'charities'?"—That was a rough draft account at the time; I quite expected that Mr. Crompton Roberts would ask me for details afterwards.

18,936. But I cannot see why in the rough draft account you should put down something under a head not at all applicable?—I summarised the whole thing.

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18,937. Was any of the 7*l.* for charities or not, as far as you know?—Certainly, similar charities to that you have mentioned in the account.

18,938. Did Dr. Hulke tell you at all that any of it was for charities?—I cannot swear he made use of that word.

18,939. Then why do you say some of it was?—Some of the other was undoubtedly.

18,940. I am now upon Dr. Hulke's 7*l.*?—Well, I rather think that is supposition on my part.

18,941. Then you do not know if any part of this 7*l.* was expended in charity of any kind?—No, I do not.

18,942. Then all you can tell us is that Dr. Hulke said something about 30*s.* for damage to a trap, and that he had paid for some champagne?—Yes, I cannot recollect anything else.

18,943. Then how this 7*l.* was made up you do not know?—Simply petty cash transactions. He called it petty cash transactions; making use of that term.

18,944. Do you know anything more about that 7*l.*, and how it was spent, than what you have told us?—No, I do not.

18,945. Are you quite sure of that?—Positive.

18,946. Then, in point of fact, all you really know is that you gave Dr. Hulke 7*l.*, to be expended for some purpose?—Simply to recoup him.

18,947. In respect of something which he described under the name of petty cash disbursements?—Yes.

18,948. Now, how much did you give to Mr. Bristow?—I cannot recollect; they were all small sums, I know.

18,949. But about how much?—I really cannot say.

18,950. You made it up to the sum of 18*l.*; 7*l.* you say you gave to Dr. Hulke. Now what money did Mr. Bristow have?—All the other that was given was in small sums—a pound or 10*s.*

18,951. Did you give it to Mr. Bristowe?—They used to meet me, and say I have heard of such and such a case, do you think we ought to give anything?

18,952. What is Mr. Bristowe's Christian name?—I do not know. I do not know which Mr. Bristowe it is; all I know is, it is a Bristowe.

18,953. What is he?—A pilot.

18,954. Do you know where he lives?—No. I know him very well by sight.

18,955. A Mr. Bristowe has been examined?—It is a very small sum. I daresay he might not have thought of it.

18,956. How much, as nearly as you can remember, was it, 1*l.* or 2*l.*, or 3*l.*, or 4*l.*, or 5*l.*?—I have been trying to refresh my memory, but I really cannot do it. All yesterday I was trying to find some clue. My illness has been an affection to my head. I have been laid up for a long time, and incapacitated from business altogether, and I cannot find any clue. Those papers were purposely taken away from me because I should not trouble myself with them.

18,957. Can you give me any idea whether you gave 2*l.*, or 3*l.*, or 4*l.* to Mr. Bristowe?—No; they were only four amounts given at the time for some cases of distress.

18,958. You made no enquiry into the cause of distress?—No.

18,959. And if he came to you and told you he wanted a pound to give someone in distress, you gave it him; is that what you mean?—Yes.

18,960. And you made no enquiry?—No.

18,961. Had you authority to do that to anyone who came to you and told you they knew of some case of distress?—Not to anyone. I was to use my discretion as to who I thought was reliable.

18,962. You say you yourself made no enquiries into the cases?—No. I did not go into the details.

18,963. Not to enquire whether it was a case of distress or not?—No.

18,964. Neither the name or address, or anything?—No; names might have been mentioned to me at the time. I really forget who they are now.

18,965. Then Alderman Ralph, how much was given to him?—I cannot swear to the amount.

18,966. About; was it 1*l.*, 3*l.*, 5*l.* or more?—It was given in different amounts. They were all given in a hasty moment, and it is a difficult matter to say now what they are. People used to be racing about, and perhaps they would meet me in the street, and I should be only too glad to give it to them to be off.

18,967. How would they know you were the person to apply to?—From my first of all having to seek Mr. Bris-

towe for the gentleman who was canvassing with Mr. Crompton Roberts at the time he desired this woman to be relieved.

18,968. Were Dr. Hulke, Mr. Bristowe, and Alderman Ralph, all with him at that time?—No. Dr. Hulke asked me quite independently of the others.

18,969. How came Mr. Bristow and Alderman Ralph to ask you to give the money for charities. How came they to come to you at all?—Simply because Mr. Bristowe knew I had relieved this poor woman.

18,970. Did Alderman Ralph know that?—From him, I suppose.

18,971. But do you know that he did?—I cannot say that.

18,972. And the others, why should they come to you?—I did not enquire into that.

18,973. How much did you spend yourself in relieving distress?—2*l.* or 3*l.*

18,974. You say you know the place; tell me who were the people that you gave it to. If you had a case of misery there, that you yourself investigated and relieved, you would be sure to know who the person was and where the person lived?—Well, I could scarcely do that. I have been away sometime.

18,975. You canvassed the people when you were there you say, and when you were there at the election you found these people, and relieved them; it is not very long ago?—It was when I was going about I used to stumble across a case of the kind now and then.

18,976. Surely you remember where it was, and when it was; they could not be so very numerous. Surely you must know the names of some of them, at any rate; the names of the people whom you found in distress, and to whom you gave money to relieve them?—No, I have not been able to refresh my memory at all.

18,977. Surely you must remember; give me the names of those you remember?—I have been trying to do so the last few days. I thought probably I might be asked that question, although I did not know that I should be catechised as to that account.

18,978. Do you really mean to say you cannot give us any idea how much you gave to Mr. Bristowe and Mr. Alderman Ralph, or the name of any person you personally relieved?—No, I have not the slightest idea.

18,979. But you must have had an idea when you returned this account?—Yes. I have the items that I have supplied that sum from. I had those items for some considerable time afterwards, and it was not till after the petition, I think, that they were destroyed. I kept them on purpose to vouch the accounts. They were locked up at home, and after that they were destroyed by my wife, I think, at the time I was very bad.

18,980. If they were locked up she would not destroy them, surely?—They were locked up when I was away, and after I was at home, of course, it was another matter. I never lock up anything when I am at home.

18,981. Do I understand you that the whole of the balance of the 18*l.*, over and above the 7*l.*, was distributed in charity either by yourself, Mr. Bristowe, or Alderman Ralph?—Yes, every penny of it. I daresay I might have some sort of recollection from which I got that when I came home.

18,982. Then you say you must have distributed in that way the 11*l.*?—Yes.

18,983. At the rate of 1*l.* each, that would be eleven different people?—Yes.

18,984. Do you mean that you have not any idea of any one of the eleven to whom this relief was given?—Not of my own knowledge.

18,985. Who would be able to know? Ralph and Bristowe would know who they had relieved?—Yes, I should think so.

18,986. And who were the others?—There may have been a pound or two down there that had been spent that I have not put down as ordinary treating expenditure. Going about as I did I had to spend a great deal of money which I have put down; but I put a pound or two down under that heading.

18,987. There were a few pounds under this heading?—Yes.

18,988. Spent in treating or in some other way?—Yes.

18,989. Where did you treat any people, at the different public-houses?—Yes.

18,990. They would be persons, I suppose, that you wanted to propitiate?—Yes, some of them might be; and here and there some, I thought, wanted a little something done.

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18,991. Some friends and some persons you wanted to propitiate for voting?—Not for voting, perhaps. I would not say that.

18,992. What else was it for?—Well, it might have been, indirectly.

18,993. Can you give any other reason which you can suggest to us? I rather assumed from this, being election time, that that must have been the reason?—Yes, no doubt it was, indirectly.

18,994. I suppose, really, this 17l. you were speaking of as spent on the 4th and 5th was for treating?—It cost me more than that. I charged nothing for expenses during the time I had been about there, and you cannot make those inquiries without you do spend money.

18,995. This has nothing to do with your going down at the general election?—No.

18,996. This is for money you say you expended in those days, and you say that they were expenses incurred in going round to public-houses; that was for treating, I presume?—Yes.

18,997. And that would be sometimes treating your friends and sometimes treating the voters and people you wished to propitiate?—Yes. I see I received the balance of that account on the 14th August through Mr. Spofforth.

18,998. The 14th August was after the petition was over?—Yes.

18,999. Had you got those vouchers then?—I had got them up to that time. I had no idea they would be wanted after that.

19,000. You knew then that a Commission had been ordered?—No, or I certainly should not have parted with them under the circumstances.

19,001. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you keep any account of the 17l. expended at the public-houses?—No; I knew exactly what I had spent, and that is how I arrived at that conclusion. I knew I had a certain sum of money, and so I put it down at that sum.

19,002. (*Mr. Holl.*) Before the general election, when you went down, at the time you went down to make inquiries in the borough as to the probable chances of success of Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.

19,003. And you told us that you understood the expenses of contesting the borough would be 5,000l.?—Yes.

19,004. Who were the persons, or person, you learnt that from?—I must have learnt it indirectly; I could not have had it given me direct, I think.

19,005. Who did you learn it from indirectly?—That would be a very difficult thing for me to say.

19,006. You must have learnt it from somebody—the leading people, perhaps. You went down specially to make these inquiries. From whom was it you learnt that it would cost 5,000l.? Was it 5,000l. or more?—I cannot say. I cannot say it was that; it might have been merely an answer to a leading question from myself to somebody who had answered it in that way; it is only an impression on my mind that that was the probable cost, and that it was named by someone.

19,007. You cannot remember who it was?—No.

19,008. When you went down with Mr. Roberts afterwards, and went round, at Mr. Hughes' request, to the public-houses, did you find that most of them had been engaged by Mr. Olds at that time?—I found most of them had.

19,009. You went round on the 5th?—Yes.

19,010. And you found most of them had been engaged?—To some extent; a great many we had some difficulty with. We were some time at some of the public-houses, as they would not let us know whether they would let a room or not.

19,011. You went round with your receipts ready, and the 5l., and paid them each 5l.?—Yes.

19,012. That was on the 5th?—Yes.

19,013. There was no bargaining about it; as we gather you paid them 5l. apiece all round?—All a regular price. Mr. Olds paid them the money. I did not hand them the money on that occasion at all.

19,014. Was that money paid on the 5th and 6th to the whole of the public-houses?—I think so.

19,015. It was all paid within two days, was it not?—Yes.

19,016. And the whole of the 71 houses had their 5l. apiece?—Yes. I think there were a few not disposed of within the two days; a few doubtful public-houses.

19,017. And a few additional ones afterwards?—Yes.

19,018. Did you receive any money at all, besides the money which is mentioned in this account, including the 20l. balance which you received?—No.

19,019. Are you quite sure of that?—Positive.

19,020. Nothing at all?—Not a penny.

19,021. You received, then, 72l. plus the difference between 7l. 3s. 6d. and 20l.?—Yes, that is every penny I had.

19,022. Then you received, altogether, 85l.?—Yes, that would be about it.

19,023. And that is all you had?—Yes.

19,024. Did you expend any money at all beyond the 72l. mentioned in this account?—No.

19,025. Neither directly or indirectly?—No.

19,026. Are you quite sure of that?—Positive.

19,027. Not anything?—Nothing.

19,028. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You knew that Mr. Hughes was the election expenses agent?—Yes.

19,029. Did you tell him that you had spent this money in connection with the election?—No, I had nothing to do with Mr. Hughes at all.

19,030. But you knew he was the election expenses agent, and you are a lawyer, and you know the expenses connected with the election ought to be returned by the election expenses agent?—Yes, I suppose so.

19,031. Then why did not you return this to him?—It did not occur to me at the time. Things of course are not carried on very strictly at these times, and I am afraid I was not as prudent as I ought to have been.

19,032. You say you expended this 17l. out of your own pocket?—Yes.

19,033. Did anyone tell you you might expend some money in that kind of way?—I was not directly authorised, but I knew I should be reimbursed. In fact it was impossible to go about there without doing so.

19,034. Did you have a talk with Mr. Crompton Roberts before you started on this journey round the houses?—No.

19,035. Who did you have a talk to about it? Who told you it would be a good sort of thing for you to do, to go round to these public-houses and spend money?—Nobody.

19,036. No one?—No.

19,037. Do you mean that you spent this money entirely out of your own head, without any suggestion from anybody?—Certainly. I had no one to ask.

19,038. Before that time you had seen Mr. Crompton Roberts, had you not?—Do you mean immediately before?

19,039. Yes?—I went down with him.

19,040. And he knew that you were going round these houses, did he not?—I cannot say that he did. He only knew I was about doing my best for him. He never asked me personally what part I was taking or what things I was doing.

19,041. When did you give Mr. Crompton Roberts this paper of yours?—I think it was two days after the election.

19,042. That is to say, on the 20th?—Yes, I think it was; the second or third day after.

19,043. You say you expected him to ask you some particulars; did he ask you any particulars?—No.

19,044. Did you volunteer any particulars to him?—No.

19,045. What happened? Did you simply hand him the paper, and he take it, or what?—I sent it to him by post. I told Mr. Spofforth when I returned to the office that I had a certain sum of money from Mr. Crompton Roberts. I did not name any sum, and he said, "You had better account for it in some way, he is a man of business—prompt," and that sort of thing; and I sent in that account at once. That same morning I sat down in the office and did it, and he acknowledged it. About a week after, he came into the office and said, "I received that account, and I am much obliged; but I cannot lay my hands upon it at present. I have mislaid it."

19,046. Now as to these other sums spent in what you call small charities; you spent some part of that yourself?—Yes.

19,047. Did you see any other people doing the same kind of thing—relieving cases of distress about the place?—No; but I knew it was the custom to do so.

19,048. There were a good many cases of distress relieved about that time?—Yes; the town was in a bad state just then.

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19,049. Do you know whether Dr. Hulke, Mr. Bristow, and Alderman Ralph relieved other cases of distress besides those you gave the money for?—I cannot say. I should not think they did. They only asked me casually if something could not be done for so-and-so; such a case as they might have heard of.

19,050. How came you to give 3*l.* to Mrs. Cox? Why that particular sum?—Well that was entirely in my own judgment. I might have given her 5*l.* I rather think Mr. Crompton Roberts thought I should give her about 5*l.*

19,051. You decided it should be 3*l.*?—Yes. 3*l.* I gave to her, and I said if she was in great distress I would give her a little more.

19,052. That is to say, you gave her 3*l.*, and suggested to her that she should have a little more?—Yes, if it was necessary.

19,053. And that little more, probably, was the 2*l.* to make up 5*l.* altogether?—No; it might have been 3*l.* more. It was nothing to do with the other amounts paid to voters for voting.

19,054. It was not?—No.

19,055. I see on this paper which Mr. Crompton Roberts has been asked about there is "Cash 300*l.*, fetched by Simmons." What 300*l.* was it you fetched?—I told Mr. Crompton Roberts when I was going back to the office on that day that I was going, and he said, "I wish you would bring me down some money; cash me a cheque if you are going up."

19,056. Did he give you a cheque?—Yes; he sent it on to my private lodgings.

19,057. Who was that cheque drawn to?—To self, I think, as far as I can recollect.

19,058. He gave you his own cheque for 300*l.*?—Yes.

19,059. Where did you get the gold for that?—I cashed it at the London Joint Stock bank.

19,060. Did you get gold for it?—Yes.

19,061. And you brought down the gold to Mr. Crompton Roberts, and gave it to him?—He said it was for household expenses, and I was to give it to his butler, and I did so.

19,062. In gold?—Yes.

19,063. Now you got down to Deal, I think you said, on the 4th of May?—Yes.

19,064. I see you telegraphed on the next day to Mr. Spofforth, "Very enthusiastic reception; you should come to-day; have questions of great moment to consult with you." What were the questions of great moment that you had to consult with Mr. Spofforth about?—As to what should be done in the election. I thought Mr. Spofforth was coming down as the election agent, and it was highly important we should start at once, and I did not know what to do; I had no instructions myself.

19,065. Did you write any letters to Mr. Spofforth? You telegraphed to him; did you follow it up with a letter?—No.

19,066. Did you ever write to Mr. Spofforth during the time you were down at Sandwich or Deal?—Yes, I think so. I wrote once, I think, to ask him whether I should come back again, or not; whether, as I had a lot to do at the office, he did not think it would be necessary for me to return.

19,067. Anything else. Did you write to him on the subject of the election, saying how the election was going, or anything of that kind, or the way it was getting on?—No.

19,068. What is No. 26 on this paper which you have produced this morning (*handing the same to the witness*)?—I think Dr. Hulke put that down. I think that is his number.

19,069. Is No. 26 the number of his house, or the number on the register, or what?—It is not the number in the street.

19,070. Do you know at all what that No. 26 means?—No; I thought possibly it was the number on the register.

19,071. It is not that?—I do not know what it means if it is not that.

19,072. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you see Captain Heath when you were at Deal?—Repeatedly during the election.

[Adjourned to to-morrow at 2 o'clock.]

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

Tuesday, 2nd November 1880.

(*Mr. George Lewis.*) One of the Commissioners asked me to produce any letters which had passed between Sir Julian Goldsmid and myself, and I now produce the same. I was also asked, and was at the time unable to give the date, when Sir Julian Goldsmid called upon me, and I am now able to furnish you with it; it was upon the 20th May; he came up on the 19th, and consulted, I believe, Mr. Charles Russell, and one or two others, and called upon me on the morning of the 20th.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) Do these exhaust all the papers?

(*Mr. George Lewis.*) Yes.

(*Mr. Jeune.*) Was not there the evidence taken of a man called Elliott?

(*Mr. George Lewis.*) Yes. I have forgotten to bring it, together with the drafts that you asked for, and they shall be furnished to you.

Mr. JOHN ROSS FOORD sworn and examined.

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19,073. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you reside at Rochester?—Yes.

19,074. And are you a member of the firm of Foord and Sons?—Yes.

19,075. How long have you known Sir Julian Goldsmid?—About 10 years.

19,076. Have you been in the habit of acting for him?—I do not call it acting.

19,077. In what respect have you in any way acted for him?—At Rochester I have paid his subscriptions and registration expenses, together with many other expenses. Sometimes during the year he may have given me something on account, but, generally speaking, it has been an account extending, say from the 1st July to the 30th June, and then a payment has generally been made which squared the year.

19,078. Have you ever settled any other matters for him, or paid for him, in any way in respect of any other matter than his registration expenses and subscriptions?

—In the year 1873 there was a company formed to purchase an estate, and the shares were 100*l.* shares, and Sir Julian Goldsmid took 15 shares at 100*l.* each, and the money that was necessary to pay for those was sent through me. In the year 1875 we increased the capital. I should say that I am a shareholder as well. It was, when we first purchased it, a leasehold estate, and we converted it into a freehold estate, and the consequence was we had to take up some more capital; and there was a further 600*l.* paid in 1875, making 21 shares at 100*l.* each, and those shares stand in my name. Sir Julian Goldsmid has the shares, with a memorandum to the effect that I hold the shares in trust for him. Since that time we have declared interim dividends at Midsummer and at Christmas, and the shareholders have met, and the directors have passed the accounts, and further dividends have been paid; and Sir Julian Goldsmid's share of those dividends I send him every half year as soon as I receive them. That is the only money transaction, other than Rochester, I have had with him.

19,079. What have you been in the habit of paying for Sir Julian Goldsmid at Rochester?—Registration expenses and subscriptions.

19,080. Are those subscriptions to charities?—Yes, and general party expenses.

19,081. Have you been in the habit of paying his election expenses?—With regard to that perhaps you will allow me just to say that the amounts I have paid for Sir Julian Goldsmid under the head of Rochester have no regard, directly or indirectly, with the Sandwich election, and although I shall be quite willing, if required, eventually to answer all questions relating to Rochester elections, I respectfully submit to the learned President and the Commissioners whether they consider an inquiry into the expenditure at Rochester a subject for inquiry in this Court, because such an inquiry would really be an inquiry into Rochester election matters.

19,082. Still I think it is material to this inquiry, at any rate to this extent, to know whether you have been in the habit of paying election expenses for Sir Julian Goldsmid at Rochester?—It is impossible to separate it. If a man is paying expenses of any kind connected with Rochester, it is impossible to separate them from election expenses. The only thing I would ask is this: if you should desire to go into an inquiry with regard to the Rochester expenditure, that you would allow me time to prepare a statement, in which case I shall be quite in a position to fully answer every inquiry you may think fit to put to me. If you ask me the question as to what money I have received from Sir Julian Goldsmid since March 1st, 1880, I shall be quite willing to give it, but you must admit that that amount must have something to do with the Rochester election.

(*Mr. George Lewis.*) In the absence of Sir Julian Goldsmid, let me say, if you think it within your power to inquire into the expenses connected with the Rochester election, Sir Julian has no desire to withhold anything from your knowledge; the only point is whether it is within the scope of your inquiry.

19,083. (*Mr. Holl.*) It is material to ask Mr. Foord whether he has been in the habit of paying Sir Julian Goldsmid's expenses at elections at Rochester, and possibly to what extent; but at present it does not appear to me to come within the scope of our inquiry to follow out how that money has been expended. The question whether or not Mr. Foord has been in the habit of paying moneys in connexion with election expenses at Rochester I think is important.

(*The Witness.*) So that it is confined to that, and I am not cross-examined as to how this money was spent, and that money was spent, I am quite willing to furnish any information I can to the Commissioners.

19,084. (*Mr. Turner.*) You have told us that you have paid certain expenses connected with his being a member, such as registration expenses and so on, and the question is whether you paid other moneys besides?—No doubt I have, connected with the party expenses for holding our position as a party at Rochester; there cannot be the slightest doubt about that.

(After an interval.)

19,085. (*Mr. Holl.*) We have been considering this question, and I think you may take it that we shall only ask you such questions as we think ought to be answered, and you may therefore take the fact of a question being put as an intimation upon our part that we think it ought to be answered?—If I can in any way answer any question without leading to an inquiry into what you may call Rochester matters, I will answer it in the freest manner possible.

19,086. To what extent, in round numbers, have you been in the habit of paying money in respect of registration, subscriptions, and so forth, per annum for Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Registration expenses means fighting registration and all manner of things. Would you like me to state what Sir Julian Goldsmid's expenses have been, upon the average, for the last 10 years?

19,087. What, about, has been the average expenditure for registration and subscriptions?—The difficulty I am in is this: I shall state a thing now, if the inquiry is gone into, which will be mere guess, whereas I have got all the particulars that would enable me to give you an answer correctly. I must ask you to excuse me from answering in detail, because sometimes registration expenses are much heavier than at others; as you know, when we fight hard registration expenses are much heavier than when there is a quiet registration. I would therefore much prefer, with your permission, not going into the details, because, as I have said before, I can prove every farthing I paid.

19,088. I only ask you to give a general notion?—Will you say that it shall not act against me?

19,089. I take it as merely that you are giving to the best of your belief a general estimate, but at the same time I will get you to give it as accurately as you can. What, upon an average, has been the expenditure for registration and subscriptions?—With the distinct understanding that I am only giving an approximate amount, and that I am not giving anything that I can be cross-examined to, as having said one thing, whereas it turns out to be another—

19,090. I think I have explained very clearly to you what it is we want; at the present moment I do not propose to ask you to give us details, nor do I propose to tie you down to exact figures, all I ask you to give us now is, as nearly as you can to the best of your belief, a general estimate of what you think has been the expenditure made through you—or perhaps the better way will be to take it separately. What has been the average amount paid for subscriptions?—Subscriptions might be 170*l.* a year.

19,091. Now as regards registration expenses?—Registration expenses about 150*l.* a year. I think you might take it in round numbers, because there are many other expenses, at 500*l.* a year.

19,092. (*Mr. Turner.*) Do you include in that the party expenses that you spoke of?—170*l.* subscriptions, and 150*l.* registration expenses, makes 320*l.*, and that leaves 180*l.* for what you might call party expenses.

19,093. (*Mr. Holl.*) That is independent, I suppose, of what you may have paid at election times?—At election times more would be paid, but if you take an average of 10 years it comes to about 500*l.* a year—some years less, and some years more. If we have party expenses, that is party fighting, there is no doubt about it that there are more expenses.

19,094. I understand you to say that during the 10 years there has been an average of about 170*l.* for subscriptions?—Yes, an average.

19,095. And an average of 150*l.* per annum for registration expenses?—Yes.

19,096. And you say an average of about 180*l.* a year for party expenses?—Yes.

19,097. Do I understand that that is all you have paid in connexion with elections at all?—That is all I have paid for Sir Julian Goldsmid in connexion with elections, taking the average.

19,098. You say in those years where there have been elections there would be more expenses than in other years?—Yes.

19,099. I suppose the subscriptions would not be much more?—The subscriptions would be a very little more; they would not vary with the elections, but they do vary.

19,100. And the registration expenses vary, I suppose?—Yes.

19,101. Not with the elections specially?—No.

19,102. You say the expenses of the party in connexion with the election expenses would be 180*l.* a year upon the average?—Yes.

19,103. In election years they would be greater than at other times?—Yes, in some years party expenses would be a moderate amount, and in other years much heavier, making it on an average 180*l.*

19,104. What would be the largest amount you paid in one year for party expenses?—I must decline to answer that question decidedly for Rochester. I have stated, if I am put to it, I am willing to answer every question relating to Rochester matters, and to account for every farthing I have received from Sir Julian Goldsmid.

19,105. As at present advised, I do not propose to ask you to go into any detail in respect of the expenditure connected with Rochester elections; but I think it is not beyond the province of this Commission to ask what is about the amount you have been in the habit of spending for Sir Julian Goldsmid in connexion with the elections?—1,800*l.* in the 10 years is what has been expended; some years it comes to nothing, and some years it would be a very considerable amount.

19,106. How many elections would the 10 years cover?—Parliamentary elections?

19,107. Yes?—Sir Julian came after Serjeant Kinglake's death.

19,108. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Was Sir Julian Goldsmid elected in 1868?—I think later than that.

19,109. Sir Julian Goldsmid came in upon a bye-election?

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tion, did he?—My father died in 1868, and Mr. Serjeant Kinglake was alive then, so it must have been after 1868.

19,110. There were three elections—one in 1870, another in 1874, and the election in 1880?—Yes.

19,111. (Mr. Holl.) I think you ought to tell us what, about, is the largest amount that has been paid in any one year; has it ever amounted to as much as 800*l.*, 900*l.*, or 1,000*l.*?—I said “party matters,” and it does not only refer to parliamentary matters, because we have a great many municipal fights, and in all those expenses the members assist us.

19,112. The 1,800*l.* includes municipal matters?—Yes.

19,113. Taking it in round numbers, how much would be applicable to municipal matters, and how much to parliamentary elections?—It is not quite half, I should think, but rather more than a third it would be for municipal matters and general fighting, as you might term it. We consider keeping up the party's position, and if our opponents want to fight we are on to them.

19,114. I may take it that 1,000*l.* or 1,100*l.* would be applicable to what are called parliamentary elections?—Yes.

19,115. In round numbers, how much would be applicable to the election of 1870, how much to the election of 1874, and how much to the election of 1880?—About 700*l.*, I should think, to the election of 1880, 300*l.* to the election of 1874, and 100*l.* to the election of 1870.

12,116. Do I understand that that is all you have expended on behalf of Sir Julian Goldsmid in connexion with those elections?—The amount I have stated is all I have expended.

19,117. Does that include Mr. Otway's expenses?—A portion, but to a very moderate extent.

19,118. It would be mainly applicable from what you say to Sir Julian Goldsmid's expenditure?—Yes, there were certain expenses that Sir Julian Goldsmid had to pay a rather larger share of than Mr. Otway.

19,119. Is that all that you have expended on behalf of Sir Julian Goldsmid in connexion with these elections?—Yes, I will swear it is. I will swear that the amount I have stated to you is all.

19,120. All that you have expended, directly or indirectly, upon his behalf?—Yes, upon his behalf. Of course I am not speaking to a few pounds.

19,121. We do not understand you to be speaking to the exact figure, but only to the best of your knowledge and belief in round numbers?—Yes, that is for the whole of the time.

19,122. That is as I understand in substance all that you have expended on his behalf, directly or indirectly, in connexion with these elections?—Yes, at Rochester.

19,123. I presume you have been repaid those amounts by Sir Julian Goldsmid?—Yes. I may say I paid it, and when it suited Sir Julian Goldsmid to pay me he has paid me, and that is the course I adopted with Mr. Martin and Mr. Serjeant Kinglake; they knew that I paid, and when it suited them to repay they repaid.

19,124. Sometimes you had payments on account?—No, never on account. They never paid me a farthing till they owed me hundreds.

19,125. And then they paid it all?—No, they paid it as it suited them. The account I will suppose began in July, and perhaps at Christmas time they might pay a portion of what I paid, but not beforehand. When you say “on account” I take that to mean paying beforehand, and I would never allow that sort of thing, because if I am a man's friend I will be his friend.

19,126. I meant “on account” in the other sense?—I misunderstood you. They paid me when it suited them.

19,127. I understand you to say you had payments in the interval?—Yes.

19,128. Those are all the payments I understand that you made on behalf of Sir Julian Goldsmid, directly or indirectly, in connexion with those elections?—Yes.

19,129. The amounts that you have mentioned to us exhaust all the transactions that you had with Sir Julian Goldsmid during that period?—Yes.

19,130. You have no doubt about that?—No.

19,131. I do not mean the precise amounts, but those are substantially all the amounts that you expended in his behalf?—It comes to 5,600*l.* When I saw Sir Julian Goldsmid had stated that we paid large sums of money for him I roughly took it out, and it amounted to 4,960*l.* up to a certain period, and then there was 700*l.* paid after that.

19,132. During the 10 years there would be 1,700*l.* paid in respect of subscriptions, 1,500*l.* paid in respect of registration expenses, and 1,800*l.* in respect of party expenses?—Yes, and you must take the 600*l.* in proportion. 170*l.* a year for subscriptions, 150*l.* for registration expenses, and 180*l.* for party purposes—that makes 5,000*l.*; but practically it is 600*l.* more, and you must take that in a relative proportion in dealing with the 170*l.*, 150*l.*, and 180*l.* You might take it at 20*l.* a year more each, or perhaps the better way would be not to alter the subscriptions or registration expenses but add it all on to party expenses.

19,133. You think the large proportion will be applicable to party expenses?—Yes.

19,134. Out of that 2,400*l.* how much would you say was applicable to municipal matters?—In the same proportion, rather more than a third and not quite a half.

19,135. There would be 1,400*l.* at least applicable to parliamentary expenses?—Yes.

19,136. How would you apportion that, as far as you can judge now, between the three elections?—In the same way again, as you know election expenses have increased.

19,137. Cannot you recollect a little more accurately what actually was paid by you on account of Sir Julian Goldsmid in respect of the election of 1880 out of that 1,400*l.*?—I think the 700*l.* is pretty nearly right.

19,138. (Mr. Jeune.) As a fact, what was the sum that you spent for Sir Julian Goldsmid in the spring of this year?—You must put a little more than the 700*l.* You might put 100*l.* more, and let the rest go over the other elections.

19,139. I do not want you to guess, but I want you to tell us what was the fact in regard to that?—I think you may take it at 800*l.*

19,140. I do not want to take it at anything. I want to know what it really was?—Then I will say that it was less than 800*l.*, but I cannot tell you exactly.

19,141. Less than 800*l.* in regard to the 1880 election?—Yes.

19,142. You have got an account of it, I suppose?—If it is a Rochester inquiry I am prepared to show every account.

19,143. That is not it. I wanted to know the total, and the account would give the total with accuracy?—I will not do it. I decline to show the account.

19,144. Give me the total?—I assure you I cannot give it.

19,145. Give it to me within 100*l.*?—I say it is less than 800*l.*

19,146. Are you sure it was not more than 800*l.*?—Yes, I am prepared to say it was not more than 800*l.*

19,147. Are you sure that 800*l.* is the outside of the money paid in respect of the 1880 election?—Yes, that is the outside.

19,148. And the rest would be applicable to the previous elections?—Yes.

19,149. I take it from what you have said you have been repaid this 800*l.* as well as the other money?—Yes.

19,150. I understand you to say 800*l.* is the outside of the money paid in respect of the 1880 election?—Yes, it is, I assure you. I will swear to it.

19,151. (Mr. Holl.) You were requested to send down some money to Sir Julian Goldsmid in connexion with the Sandwich election?—Yes.

19,152. Tell us exactly, and as accurately as you can recollect, what took place in regard to that matter?—It was upon Thursday, the 18th of May, and I was at a meeting of the directors of the Rochester Gas Company, and a message came to me from my brother that he would like to see me at the office as soon as I could conveniently go. I stayed a very little while, because we were then getting towards the end of our business, and then I went to our office, and there I saw Mr. Belsey. Mr. Belsey said that Sir Julian Goldsmid wanted us to send down 1,200*l.*, or 1,500*l.*, and that it must go there before Saturday, as there were a lot of expenses to be paid. My brother Charles was there, and I said, “Well, if Sir Julian Goldsmid wants it, we must send it down to him.” Then, in course of conversation with Mr. Belsey and my brother Charles, there was a question as to how it should be sent, and we all considered it should be sent down in gold. I have the management of our banking accounts, and, knowing the state of those accounts, I said, “We must have it from ‘the London Joint Stock Bank.’” I make it part of

my practice every Saturday to see what the balances are at the different bankers; what probabilities there are of money coming in, and what probabilities there are of money being paid out, and also where, if any money is wanted, it is desirable it should come from. I should say, as a rule, with regard to the London Joint Stock Bank, our drawings from that bank are very moderate indeed, and the principal part of our drawings, in connexion with our business transactions are from the London and County Bank at Rochester. I knew the state of the account at the London Joint Stock Bank, and I also knew there was no probability of any money being required to be drawn from that bank. I also knew the state of the account at the London and County Bank at Rochester, and I knew there would be considerable drawings continuously from there, and therefore I knew it would be much better for us to draw the money from the London Joint Stock Bank than from the London and County Bank at Rochester. I said to my brother Charles, "You will have to go up to London and get the money," and he said, "Very well, I can do that," and I said, "There is another thing, as this money is wanted down before Saturday, you will have to go up this afternoon," and he said, "I will go up and do it," and he went up. I drew a cheque upon the London Joint Stock Bank for 1,200*l.*, and he went up and brought the money down. That made 1,200*l.* out of the 1,500*l.*, and the other 300*l.* came from money in the house. Generally speaking, we have a considerable sum of money in the house ready for wages and other purposes, but mostly for wages, and we took the money from that. I did not see my brother go off, but I know that he went off to Sandwich and came back again.

19,153. (Mr. Turner.) He went upon the Friday?—Yes. I think I have stated as nearly as I can recollect all the particulars, and I am prepared to answer any questions.

19,154. (Mr. Holl.) What was the state of the account at the London and County Bank at Rochester?—Of course, I do not speak to a few pounds, but when I was talking about the state of the account I made out that the balance was 2,180*l.*, with a continual likelihood of money being required from it, because my brother Charles and my brother William both draw upon that account and pay all manner of things—merchants' accounts, and so on, without saying anything to me about it, and I am obliged to keep a balance there of 1,500*l.* as a rule. If they draw cheques up to a couple of hundred pounds they do not say anything about it; but if they are going to draw for more they would say, "I am going to draw a cheque to pay this merchant or that merchant 500*l.*; how does the account stand?" and I say so and so, and I would arrange if I find that the money is not coming in to take it from our deposit account which we have at both banks. Knowing the state of the account to be 2,180*l.* at the London and County Bank at Rochester, I came to the conclusion that if I drew 1,200*l.* out of that it would leave us with such a balance as we have never had before. I also knew that there was 1,690*l.* at the London Joint Stock Bank, and I did not know of any likelihood of drawing a single farthing from that, and therefore I came to the conclusion that the better way would be to draw it from the London Joint Stock Bank than to draw it from the London and County Bank at Rochester.

19,155. You say that your two brothers are in the habit of drawing cheques to the extent of 200*l.*?—No, they draw cheques for what they like.

19,156. Without consulting you?—Yes.

19,157. Upon which account are they in the habit of drawing for paying merchants' accounts, and so on?—The London and County Bank. I have roughly looked at it, and I see that our London and County Bank drawings occupy, from the 1st January to the present time, about 40 double pages, whereas the London Joint Stock Bank there are only occupied two double pages; so that you may suppose that the drawings from the London Joint Stock Bank are very small.

19,158. What was the amount of the deposit account at the Rochester Bank at that time?—1,000*l.* and 2,000*l.* at the London Joint Stock Bank; but I always keep exchequer bills ready. With a large business like ours we are always obliged to pay cash, and we are always ready to meet any demands, and that is one of the reasons for keeping money in the house. If any difficulty arises I like to have the money there to meet it.

19,159. What would be, taking the average, about the amount of drawings from the Rochester Bank per week for wages and merchants' accounts?—I do not know

whether you are anything like the Spanish Inquisition that this is a complete inquiry into a man's private business.

19,160. I do not think it is inquisitorial at all; you can easily see the reason of the question?—I can hardly see the reason of the question, but at the same time I will answer it.

19,161. What about would, taking the average, the amount of drawings be from the Rochester Bank per week for wages and merchants' accounts?—It is almost impossible to tell. Is there not any other way of getting at it without disclosing what our business is, because that is what it comes to.

19,162. What is the amount of wages you pay per week?—Wages, in round numbers, at the present time, about 400*l.* Years ago our wages used to be 1,000*l.* a week, and rather more; but we are getting older and do not care for so much work.

19,163. You say 400*l.* a week for wages; then, as regards merchants' accounts, how much per week or what would be the average annual drawings?—That is impossible to say; look at the drawings we have.

19,164. What would you draw within a fortnight of that date?—For wages?

19,165. For anything from the Rochester account?—I cannot give you that.

19,166. (Mr. Jeune.) Your pass book will show it?—You had better have the pass book and make it out yourself (*handing the book*).

19,167. You pay wages on the Thursday?—No, we pay wages on the Saturday.

19,168. You take the money out upon the Thursday and pay upon the Saturday?—Yes.

19,169. You draw the money from the bank upon the Thursday in order to be able to pay wages upon the Saturday?—Yes, and in addition to that we always have money in the house. Ours is a large business now, and it was a very large business; but when people get 60 years of age they want to take it easily if they can. We have had pretty good work, what with our business and trying to maintain party power in Rochester. I can tell you we have had a good dose of work.

19,170. You say that the drawings for wages and accounts connected with the business are almost entirely from the Rochester account?—Yes.

19,171. In the same way I gather from the pass book that you pay more into the Rochester account than into the London Joint Stock?—Yes, here (*producing a book*) is the London Joint Stock pass book, and you will see the sort of account it is.

19,172. I gather from looking at the account that you could have drawn this amount from the Rochester Bank without any very great inconvenience?—Yes, but see what a short balance there would have been to meet these large payments.

19,173. 900*l.*?—That is practically nothing, and not only that, there is a little pride as well; the London and County Bank look to us to keep a balance there of from 1,500*l.* to 2,000*l.*, and we like to keep up our dignity.

19,174. You have about that balance?—Yes, I always try to regulate it at about from 1,500*l.* to 2,000*l.*, and if I want to put it a little straight, I get a little from the London Joint Stock Bank.

19,175. Was there any impression upon your mind, or upon the mind of your brother, that it might be more convenient to have the money from London?—No, it was my doing entirely, because I knew the state of the banking account.

19,176. Do you mean that it was solely attributable to the state of the banking account, or was it that you thought it might be more convenient to have the money from London than from Rochester?—I assure you it was solely attributable to the state of the banking account that my brother went to London.

19,177. Was Mr. Belsey present, do you remember, when the question was discussed as to whether you should get the money from London or not?—I can hardly say that, I might have said, "I think it will be advisable that you should do so," but I should not discuss such a matter before Mr. Belsey.

19,178. Can you remember, one way or the other, whether you did say anything about going up to London while Mr. Belsey was there?—I cannot remember positively, but I should rather think that I said to my brother Charles, "You will have to go to London for this money." It might have been after Mr. Belsey left that I said that, and I will not be positive about it.

19,179. Do you remember whether it was before or

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after he left that any conversation took place with regard to whether it should be sent in gold or not?—I think that Mr. Belsey was there when it was discussed about sending it in gold.

19,180. You think that took place before he left?—Yes.

19,181. (*Mr. Turner.*) What was that conversation?—There was no conversation; only there seemed to be an impression that it should go down in gold.

19,182. Why was that?—It was understood that the money was wanted immediately to pay a lot of expenses for painting flags, and that kind of thing, which must be paid at once.

19,183. (*Mr. Holl.*) What you heard in respect of that was, of course, from Mr. Belsey?—Yes.

19,184. Did he suggest or desire that you should send it down in gold?—Decidedly not.

19,185. He did not suggest it at all?—No.

19,186. You are quite sure of that?—Yes, I am sure of it.

19,187. (*Mr. Turner.*) When did you first have any communication with Sir Julian Goldsmid about this 1,500*l.* that you sent in gold?—About the first week in July I saw Sir Julian Goldsmid in Piccadilly, and he thanked me for sending down the money, and that was the only reference made at that time to the money. When again, early in September, I saw Sir Julian Goldsmid, he said, "I shall be shortly receiving some money, and I will send you down that 1,500*l.*," and I said, "Pay it just when you like."

19,188. Had you any other conversation with him when you saw him about the money?—No, I had no other conversation in any way. I think I have related pretty nearly all that took place in regard to that 1,500*l.* in both instances when I met Sir Julian Goldsmid.

19,189. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I think you did tell us the amount of your deposit at the London and County bank at Rochester?—1,000*l.* at the London and County bank, and 2,000*l.*, or to be exact, 2,378*l.* at the London Joint Stock bank.

19,190. You could have transferred the 1,000*l.* on deposit at the London and County bank?—Yes, at seven days' notice, and we are very particular about that; we always give the seven days' notice; it is a bargain, and we always stick to it. No doubt, if it were absolutely necessary, and we really wanted anything from either of those banks, we could have it, but it is not our way of doing business; we do not ask any accommodation from anybody.

19,191. Do you transfer amounts from one account to the other account?—Yes, occasionally.

19,192. How do you do that—you draw a cheque, I suppose?—Yes, upon the London Joint Stock bank, and pay it in to the London and County.

19,193. Would there have been any difficulty in drawing a cheque for 1,200*l.* upon the London Joint Stock bank, and presenting it to the London and County bank at Rochester?—No difficulty.

19,194. And that would have saved your brother a journey to London?—Yes, it would, no doubt; but we did not think that was the best way to do it.

19,195. I forget the time of day you said you saw Mr. Belsey—12 or 1 o'clock, I think?—I am not quite certain. The gas directors meet at 11 o'clock, and generally get through the business at 1 o'clock. I was sent for before the meeting broke up, though we had nearly got through our business, and therefore, though I cannot be positive, I think it must have been something like 12 or 1 o'clock; at all events, I will say this, that it was between 11 and 1 o'clock.

19,196. I suppose the bank at Rochester closes at 4 o'clock, like other banks?—Yes.

19,197. What time did your brother go the next morning to Sandwich?—I know he started pretty early for this reason, that it is rather a difficult route; he had to go by the London, Chatham, and Dover as far as Canterbury, and then take a train from Canterbury to go to Sandwich; consequently he had to start pretty early.

19,198. At what time does the bank open at Rochester in the morning?—Nine o'clock; he could not have got it in the morning.

19,199. We shall see that for ourselves. You say 700*l.* or 800*l.* you paid for the election at Rochester in 1880. When did Sir Julian Goldsmid pay you that?—Upon the 8th July he paid me 700*l.*

19,200. That was against the 800*l.*?—I do not know that it was against that; it was money that I had paid for him.

19,201. Did he owe you more than that at that time with the exception of this 1,500*l.*?—A trifle more, about 135*l.*, which he has paid since.

19,202. When did he pay that 135*l.*?—Upon October 20th.

19,203. Is this 1,500*l.* paid yet?—Yes, it is paid, but not paid into the bank. I have got the cheque with me if you would like to see it. It was paid upon October 20th.

19,204. He gave you the cheque upon October the 20th?—Yes.

19,205. That is 10 days ago?—Yes. I have not paid it in, and it is noted here in pencil in this book that it is not paid in.

19,206. You hold Sir Julian Goldsmid's cheque for 1,500*l.*?—Yes, in fact I consider that 1,500*l.* paid.

19,207. Did you ask Sir Julian Goldsmid to pay you that money, or did he voluntarily send you the cheque?—No, he voluntarily sent the cheque. I should not ask for it more particularly after his telling me in the first week in September that he proposed to send it to me shortly, because that was quite sufficient for me.

19,208. When did Sir Julian Goldsmid give you the cheque for 700*l.*?—It was one cheque for 300*l.*, and one cheque for 400*l.*

19,209. Did he then say anything about the 1,500*l.*?—No, not a word further than he thanked me for sending the 1,500*l.* to Sandwich.

19,210. And he paid you the 700*l.*?—Yes, upon the general account for Rochester.

19,211. You did not write to ask for the money at any time after he paid you the 700*l.*?—No, I did not.

19,212. And he did not write to you or suggest to you when he was going to pay it, or anything about it?—No; as I said he thanked me for sending it.

19,213. There was no correspondence between you upon the subject whatever?—Not till he wrote and proposed to pay it and sent the cheque.

19,214. With the exception of that there has been no correspondence between you by letter at all?—No.

19,215. Do you keep in that book that you have in your hand a running account between yourself and Sir Julian Goldsmid?—No; all I keep in this book is the money that he pays me. This is what you might term a sort of ledger that a partner keeps for the satisfaction of his partners.

19,216. Does that book show entries upon both sides?—No; it is only money received from Sir Julian Goldsmid.

19,217. There is nothing upon the other side at all?—No.

19,218. It shows upon a particular day 700*l.* paid?—Yes, 300*l.* and 400*l.*

19,219. When was the last payment before that made?—Upon May 4th, 1,000*l.*, then the next was July 8th, 700*l.*, and the next, 135*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*

19,220. That was October 20th?—Yes. This 135*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* balanced his account for Rochester up to the 30th June.

19,221. When was the 135*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* paid?—Upon the 20th October, at the time he sent the 1,500*l.* to repay what we sent for him to Sandwich. At the same time he sent a cheque for 135*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* to balance the account between us for Rochester to that day, the 30th June.

19,222. You were not in the habit of asking Sir Julian Goldsmid to make you payments, but he made payments when he thought proper?—Yes.

19,223. I suppose never before had you had so much due from him as 1,500*l.*, or anything like it?—No, certainly not so much.

19,224. The sum which you mentioned upon May 4th, I suppose, had something to do with the Rochester election?—No, it was not to do with the Rochester election; it was on account of a lot of expenses. The account began in July 1879, and it was not on account of the Rochester election.

19,225. That 1,000*l.* was paid generally on account?—Yes.

19,226. You tell me there would be no difficulty in your presenting a cheque upon the London Joint Stock at the London and County bank at Rochester, and so getting the money in that way without your brother going up to London?—There would not be the slightest difficulty.

19,227. Why did you not do it?—Because I did not do it, and did not think of doing it at the time; and another thing is, it was in my mind the moment the

money was asked for that the proper thing to do would be that my brother should go up to London and get it. Knowing the state of the banking account I thought that was the proper way to do it, and I did not think of anything else.

19,228. If you had drawn a cheque upon the London Joint Stock and presented it at the London and County at Rochester, that would not have affected the banking account at all?—No, you are quite right there; but we determined to do it, and, of course, when we determine to do a thing, we generally do it.

19,229. (*Mr. Turner.*) Why should your brother go to London for the money when he could have taken the cheque to the London and County without diminishing the balance?—It occurred to me immediately the money was wanted that the proper way was for my brother to go to London and get it from the London and Joint Stock; and, having determined to do it, I carried it out. I admit that occasionally, if we want to back up the account at the London and County at Rochester, we have sometimes drawn a cheque on the London Joint Stock, and have paid it in; but very rarely we do that, and it did not occur to me at the time. As I have said

before, when the money was asked, knowing the state of the account, it occurred to me that the proper way was for my brother to go up to London, and having so determined, it was done.

19,230. It might have been done without going to London?—Yes, I quite admit that, as I have admitted it before.

19,231. Did you ever before, on any single occasion, send anyone up to London when you wanted money from the London Joint Stock Bank, and bring it down?—Yes, for wages. I have myself gone up and brought down money in the same sort of way.

19,232. When did you last do that?—I went up and fetched it, it turns out, 500*l.* upon the 20th May.

19,233. In the same year?—Yes. I went up once myself, and fetched that 500*l.* for wages.

19,234. Did you go up on purpose?—No, I rarely go up on purpose. I daresay I had other business to do; but we think nothing, as you know, of running up by train to London, taking about an hour. If we have got anything to do, and make up our mind to do, we do not stand nice about going up by the train.

SIR JULIAN GOLDSMID recalled, and further examined.

(*The Witness.*) I am here to answer any further questions which the Commissioners may wish to put to me, and I have to thank the Commissioners for offering to adjourn on account of my state of health. I am very unwell, suffering from a severe liver attack, and other things, and my doctor says that I must get away.

19,235. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I do not think it will be necessary to trouble you much. I see, first of all, there is a cheque drawn for Mr. Edwards upon May 11th, 1880; that would be upon the Tuesday?—Yes, the very morning I first saw Mr. Edwards after my arrival. I got there at 7 o'clock upon Monday night.

19,236. At that time you had that cheque, and that cheque only, upon your London and Westminster Bank?—Yes.

19,237. When did you receive the cheque book from your secretary?—I received it, I believe, upon Friday morning; but it may have been the last thing upon Thursday night, at 11 o'clock.

19,238. I see here a cheque dated 13th May to Mr. Robson for the widows' fund; that would be Thursday. That was a subscription, or something of that kind?—Yes. I am almost certain I sent it upon the Friday.

19,239. It is dated upon the 13th of May?—Yes; I can explain it. I received the cheque book late upon Thursday night, or early Friday morning; my own opinion is that it was Friday morning, but my secretary does not remember it, and I drew four cheques, three dated the 13th May, and the fourth dated the 14th May, which was a charitable donation. I believe I drew all the cheques at the same time on the Friday morning before I went to Mr. Edwards.

19,240. I see that these cheques are dated the 13th, but your impression is that they were drawn upon the 14th?—Yes, quite so.

19,241. When did you write to your secretary for your cheque book?—My impression is, very early upon Thursday morning, so as to go off by the next post, or it might have been very late upon Wednesday night.

19,242. Can you fix the time when you received it?—I believe it was Friday morning. My impression is that it was by the same post as I received a letter from Mr. Belsey, saying that Messrs. Foord would send the money which I had asked them to send to Mr. Edwards at Sandwich.

19,243. Was your secretary in London at that time?—He lives a little way out of London.

19,244. Did you write to him in London?—I do not remember. I usually write to my own address, and when he goes there he receives the letters.

19,245. You did not want this money, necessarily, in Sandwich or Deal before the Saturday?—On Tuesday morning was my first interview with Mr. Edwards, and he asked me for a lump sum, I cannot remember whether it was 2,500*l.*, or 2,000*l.*, for the election, and I told him I was not accustomed to pay beforehand, and so on. I gave him the first cheque upon Wednesday morning, and he asked for more, and I gave him 320*l.* on the Wednesday afternoon, after I had been out canvassing all day, and before I went to meet my wife at

the station. I went to speak to Mr. Edwards, I believe it was about the flags, objecting to them again, and Mr. Edwards then told me he had spent all the money I had given him, and he wanted more. I had not much time to spare, and I told him I thought the expenditure was extravagant. Of course I saw it was, and he stated he must have more money to go on with for the purpose of providing for the election. I said I wanted to retire, and I would have retired if it had not been for what is called fealty to the party, that is to say, where you enter upon a fight you must fight. I should have been very glad if I could have retired, and left the whole thing alone. I told him I should decide next morning whether I should retire or not, and I asked my friend Mr. Belsey whether he thought I had better retire or not, seeing the way in which the election was being conducted, and then he said he thought, as a matter of fealty to the party, I should go on, and I decided to go on; and also I decided that it would be better to give Mr. Edwards a lump sum down, and I told Mr. Belsey to ask for 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.* I asked the Foords to send it to me, because Mr. Edwards pressed me for money, and I knew the Foords would do anything to oblige me as personal friends, who, I believe, have a great regard for me. I told Mr. Belsey I should like him to convey that message, and he understood it, and I received a note from Mr. Belsey the following morning to say that he had accomplished his mission, and the Foords would send the money.

19,246. You said you did not care about having the money before the Friday or Saturday?—I could not have it at the earliest before Friday. My message was to ask the Foords to let me have 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.*, as my agent was pressing me; and, as a single proof that it was so, I may say I was mobbed upon the Saturday by a lot of people who wanted to be paid, and I referred them to Mr. Edwards, and they said they wanted the money to buy themselves victuals.

12,247. Was it your opinion that 2,000*l.* would be about the cost of the election?—That I think is what I had been told by Mr. Emmerson. I am not sure whether he did not say more. I think that was the lowest figure mentioned to me.

19,248. If that was so, why did you think it necessary that you should have the whole of that amount in his hands before the day of the polling?—Because Mr. Edwards told me that everything was paid in Deal. I discussed Sandwich very little, and I understood that Mr. Edwards was the pay agent. I never paid any money to Mr. Emmerson at all, excepting one sum that I mentioned before, and that was of course a legitimate expenditure, and the fee to the returning officer. I understood that Mr. Edwards was pay agent, and he said that everything was paid before the election, whereas my practice had always been to pay a moderate sum on account, and to pay the agent afterwards when the election was over, and I think that is the usual practice.

19,249. Did you understand that this 1,500*l.* was to be spent upon the legitimate purposes of the election?—I think I mentioned before that part of it could not be legitimately spent, as I knew part of my previous 520*l.* had not been spent upon legitimate things, because I do not call it legitimate to have all these banners and flags,

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watchers and clerks, and canvassers and board-men. I was complaining of it daily, and they undertook not to do it, but they did it all the same. My time there was very short, only seven days altogether. I thought I was responsible, because I have always understood that if your agent, or those that represent you, appoint canvassers, and all those sort of people, the candidate must pay.

19,250. Did you suppose that all the election expenses, which you said you thought would be about 2,000*l.*, would have to be paid upon the Saturday before the polling day?—Monday was bank holiday, and there were to be paid all the persons employed as messengers before the election, and it is wonderful how greedy that class of persons are, and it was that class of persons so largely employed. There were also the boatmen employed for these poles. I was complaining daily about it, and I mentioned it to five or six friends who were down with me, and several of them went in with me to the agent on various occasions, and I complained about the expenditure, and they promised that it should be stopped, but they went on just the same. All those men had to be paid; and, in fact, I have never seen an election where so much money had to be paid in that way.

19,251. 2,000*l.* was nearly the whole of the amount that you thought the election would cost?—From 2,000*l.* to 3,000*l.* I think I had been told, and the only other expenditure I knew of was the fee to the agent.

19,252. That could be perfectly well paid afterwards. Did you think there could be anything like 2,000*l.* necessary to be paid before the polling day?—I did think so; and I think that if anybody had seen the place they would imagine even more would be spent in the way they were going on.

19,253. Did you think that there could be anything like 2,000*l.* necessary to be paid upon the Saturday?—I did not go into their arrangements, but Mr. Edwards told me that he wished to make all arrangements beforehand for the payment of the people employed, and the preparation for the election.

19,254. Would there be any difficulty in getting your cheque book by Saturday morning; you did not want it until Saturday? Assuming you wanted so much, and you knew your want of it as early as Thursday morning or Wednesday night, what difficulty would there have been in getting your cheque book upon the London and Westminster bank by Saturday morning?—I do not imagine there would be any difficulty; I wrote to my secretary, who gets everything for me. I never go to the bank except when he is away for his holiday. Talking the matter over with Mr. Belsey, and having been accustomed for many years to ask Mr. Foord to do anything for me that may turn up, it seemed a very ordinary matter to ask him to send me 1,500*l.*

19,255. You looked upon it simply as an ordinary way of getting money?—They would pay anything for me, I am quite certain; one of them is a trustee of mine, for a particular purpose.

19,256. Of course the effect of this was, as you will see, that neither in your pass book, nor upon any document at all, or any scrap of paper even, with the exception of that little sort of acknowledgment that Mr. Emmerson gave, would there be any record whatever of these 1,500 sovereigns coming into the borough four days before the election?—I did not know that 1,500 sovereigns were coming. I asked for 1,500*l.*, and I did not specify that it should come in any way. As far as I remember, I did not say anything about the method of payment, but only asked them to send 1,500*l.*

19,257. You see the effect was that this money came in this way into the borough four days before the election with absolutely no trace of it in your books?—It came to my agent. I have had many agents, and I have always known my agents to endeavour to guide me as to what was right for a candidate to do, and to be anxious, for their own sakes, to do the right thing; and I must say when Mr. Hugessen suggested to me that I could put implicit confidence in Mr. Emmerson, I never thought he would be glad to get me into a mess, or himself into a mess, and I was introduced by him to Mr. Edwards as the other agent. I never heard of him till that moment, and I should not suppose that a solicitor of standing would either put himself or his client in a false position. It was with Mr. Edwards that I discussed money matters.

19,258. Relying upon the opinion of Mr. Edwards, you thought there would be no danger or ambiguity in taking this step, and having the money brought in this way?—I did not specify gold. The money was coming from Messrs. Foord, and anybody who knew the kindness that

they have always shown me would not be surprised at my asking them to send it. I see comments have been made about it, but I am free to acknowledge that they have shown me personally the greatest kindness, and they have attended to various matters of an entirely private nature—I do not say money matters, but private matters.

19,259. Did it not strike you, having great experience in elections, as a thing that was at least highly ambiguous to bring 1,500*l.* into the borough at that time, and in that way?—No, it did not strike me as ambiguous, because they were my personal friends, and known to be my personal friends in Rochester, and there were also involved in it my agents. I did not ask them to conceal it, and I believe I mentioned it to two or three friends. I know that I mentioned it to Mr. Lewis the first moment I went there.

19,260. Mr. Lewis was your solicitor, and it was after the election. Besides Mr. Belsey, did you mention it to anybody at the time?—My impression is that I did, but I am not certain.

19,261. You are not so certain that you would wish to give the name?—I do not think that I should be right in doing so without asking the gentleman, but I believe I did mention it to one gentleman, though I cannot be certain.

19,262. You are a better judge of that than I am; you see what I am driving at; if you did mention it to other people I daresay you would wish to mention the fact?—I believe I did mention it to my friend Mr. Otway, who was down there, and who knew that the Foords had constantly done business for me. I am not sure of it, and I do not know whether he would be able to speak to it or not.

19,263. Did you mention it to anybody else?—I do not think I should, if you ask me, because there was nobody else of sufficient intimacy with whom I should discuss personal and private matters. For instance, there was young Mr. Mellor, who has been referred to as a young man whom I know and like. I have known his father for years, but I never discussed with him my expenditure, or thought of doing so, except discussing the monstrous expenditure in flags and so on.

19,264. Did it not strike you that there was anything ambiguous, or capable of misconstruction, in your bringing money into the borough at that time and in that way?—No, not to my agent. If I had brought it to anybody else it would have struck me. I came to this decision two days and a half after I arrived there without knowing much about either Mr. Emmerson or Mr. Edwards, beyond being told by Mr. Hugessen that Mr. Emmerson was a gentleman in whom I could have perfect confidence.

19,265. But would your having confidence in your agent be likely to remove any ambiguity or construction that might be otherwise placed upon the act?—It appears to me that the agent is responsible to see that nothing is done which can in any way affect the position of the candidate, and I have an agent principally for that purpose.

19,266. Did you give any instructions either to Mr. Edwards or Mr. Emmerson as to the disposition of this money?—No, certainly not.

19,267. You know now, as a fact, that the greater part of this money was promptly spent by Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Edwards in direct bribery?—I think not, as far as I can see.

19,268. Take it from me, a considerable part of it, if not all, did?—I understand not, but I have not read the whole of the evidence.

19,269. A good deal over 1,000*l.*, at any rate?—I understood that Mr. Edwards and other people had paid a lot of money out of their own pockets, because I imagined, from reading the evidence, that a good deal of it was spent upon the Friday, the moment it arrived, and a good deal more upon the Saturday.

19,270. You may take it from me, I think, that both Mr. Edwards and Mr. Emmerson considered this money applicable for that purpose, and they did, within a very short time of its coming, immediately proceed to spend it in direct personal bribery?—I did not know that Mr. Emmerson had a penny of that money. I knew it before I came to the Commission, but I did not know it till long after the election was over, and therefore, as regards Mr. Emmerson spending money in bribery, the thought never struck me of its being possible until I saw his evidence.

19,271. Well, he did, you see?—I could not tell that.

19,272. Would you have said the same thing about Mr. Edwards?—I knew nothing about Mr. Edwards spending money in bribery. I knew that he had authorised the things I disapproved of, and strongly disapproved of; and let me give an example, though I mentioned it before—the band. When I was out canvassing upon the Friday with a man named King I learned that there was a custom at every Deal election to have a band. I knew that a band was illegal, and I went specially to Mr. Edwards to tell him not to have a band, and Mr. Edwards said, “Very well, but it had always been the custom, and people did not mind it” on either side.” I said, “I mind it, please not to have it;” and he promised he would not have it. Upon the morning of the election, at 7 o’clock, I was dressing and heard a band, and I looked out of the window, and, to my great horror and indignation I must say, I saw it dressed in blue, and directly after breakfast I went to Mr. Edwards and said I did not understand a thing of that sort being done when I had particularly said it was not to be done, but everything had been done which I had said was not to be done. Mr. Edwards said that a friend had ordered it, and I asked who the friend was, and he said he did not know then, and I said, “I know one thing, I shall be expected to pay for it.”

19,273. You did not say anything to Mr. Edwards about the application of this money which you intended should go into his hands?—No, it was for the purposes of the election. It was an idea of the moment when talking to Mr. Belsey to ask the Foords to send the money. I knew it would come that way, and my secretary has other work to do for a relation of mine who is in bad health, and when I am away he regulates my business and the other business as he thinks best; he has sometimes to go into the country for me, and I am uncertain when he goes home.

19,274. There would have been no difficulty, of course, in your obtaining a cheque book by Friday or Saturday?—By Saturday, if he was there.

19,275. Does he keep cheque books of yours, or would he have to go to the bank to get them. Does he keep private cheque books?—No; he keeps the cheque book in use, and generally one besides.

19,276. Did he send you down a new cheque book or one that had been partly used?—I think it is a new book judging by the counterfoils. He is known at the bank better than I am.

19,277. I am anxious to know when this cheque book really did reach you. If your secretary went to the bank and got it, they would know at the bank when they gave it to him?—I do not know whether he got it upon that day or not, but if he received my letter, as he must have done, sometime upon the Thursday, he would go to the bank and ask for a cheque book if he wanted one, or if he had got one at home he would send it to me.

19,278. What I want to know is when did he go and get the cheque book, and when did you receive it?—I asked him if he could tell me after I had been asked at Sandwich and he said he could not tell me.

19,279. He cannot fix the time at all?—No. I am not surprised at it, because he has such a lot of work upon his hands for me, and we neither of us attached any importance to it.

19,280. Can you give me anything that can be taken as certain with regard to when the cheque book did reach you?—Friday morning, I believe, because of the cheques. The first cheque is dated the 13th, the second the 14th, and the third the 13th. I believe I antedated those two cheques because they had been promised before. I have now a cheque or two in my pocket, and if I paid them away and took another cheque out of the book I should enter upon the counterfoil an account of the amount I drew the other cheque for; that is my invariable practice. I left at less than an hour’s notice, and I believe I did not take even a book to read, and I never do like to go anywhere without a book to read.

19,281. You intended this 1,500l., as I understand it, to go to Mr. Edwards?—Yes, certainly.

19,282. That is to say, to be spent in Deal and Walmer?—I understood that Mr. Edwards paid all expenses except that upon Friday; I had a note from Mr. Emmerson asking me for money to pay the returning officer’s deposit, and I have always paid that beforehand, the amount varying, some returning officers requiring a considerable deposit. It is a matter entirely within his discretion.

19,283. Did you understand that Mr. Edwards was managing the expenses for Sandwich?—Mr. Emmerson

never asked me for a shilling, and I understood Mr. Edwards was paying everything.

19,284. Your view was that 1,500l., plus the 200l. and plus the 320l., making 2,000l., was necessary to be spent upon that Saturday, and for the purposes of the election?—No, not upon Saturday. Because I gave my agent 2,000l. I do not desire my agent to spend the whole of it. I have given my agent money for election purposes and received money back afterwards; for instance, after my Rochester election the other day I had given my agent a considerable sum of money, and he returned me after the election some of it. I wanted him to be in funds, but he disputed a good many bills and returned me some of the money.

19,285. You did not think that Mr. Emmerson got any of that money, you say. He asked you for money, did he not?—No, I think not, except upon the Friday for the purpose of paying the returning officer’s deposit.

19,286. Mr. Emmerson has said that he did?—I think he is mistaken, I think he never said anything to me about money, except the matter I have mentioned about the returning officer’s deposit.

19,287. He was asked whether he had any anticipation of receiving the 200l. and this is his answer: “I believe ‘he’ (that is you) ‘said when I applied for money, ‘You will have money brought to you; money will ‘be sent down, but I do not want to be bothered with ‘it myself.’ He disliked extremely, when he was ‘here, being asked for cheques on account, and he ‘said, ‘I shall make some other arrangements; it shall ‘be sent to you,’ and the money came down accordingly?”—Of course one knows one’s own style of expression, and that is not a bit my style. I have had a great deal of experience in putting my words together, and it is not my style at all. I do not remember ever saying anything to Mr. Emmerson about money. I believe, as I have mentioned to the Commissioners, that I asked Mr. Belsey to request that the money that was to be sent to Mr. Edwards might be sent to Sandwich in order to make Mr. Emmerson acquainted with it. My reason was because Mr. Hugessen had said that I might place every reliance upon Mr. Emmerson. I met Mr. Hugessen at Brook’s and asked him if he thought I had a chance there as I wanted to get out of the difficulty with Sir John Lubbock, and he said he did not think it right to say anything about the election, but he gave me Mr. Emmerson’s name and address, and said I could place perfect reliance upon him; that I might apply to him, and I wrote to him.

19,288. Why did you have this money sent to Sandwich?—I put down Mr. Emmerson’s name upon a piece of paper in order that there might be no mistake about the money being taken to his office. I wanted Mr. Emmerson to be aware of it, but I told Mr. Edwards when I received Mr. Belsey’s letter that the money would be sent to Sandwich for him at Mr. Emmerson’s office.

19,289. Your reason for sending it to Sandwich was that you might be quite certain it got into Mr. Edwards’ hands?—That Mr. Emmerson might be also aware that I had made that payment, and I am told, though I am not certain it is so, that Mr. Edwards and Mr. Emmerson both openly met Mr. Foord upon the platform.

19,290. They do not say so?—Mr. Edwards was the person to whom I gave the train and the time of arrival, and I know that he left Deal for the purpose of meeting the train.

19,291. Your anxiety was that there should be a witness to Mr. Edwards receiving the money?—Not “a witness,” but a special witness, if you will allow me to say so, Mr. Emmerson.

19,292. Why were you anxious that Mr. Emmerson should know of Mr. Edwards receiving the money?—Because he was my agent.

19,293. So was Mr. Edwards?—Yes, and I wished them both to be aware of it. I wished Mr. Emmerson to know that I had made that payment to Mr. Edwards.

19,294. Why did you not have this money sent to yourself?—I have never had any money brought to me, or never drawn any money during an election. I have been so particular about that that I never will even pay a cab myself during an election, and I have always made my agent pay it. If I had had the money brought to me it would be against the practice I have always adopted, and it is a matter about which I have always been very particular. I do not wish to pay myself any

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compliment, but I have never bought anything during an election taking place.

19,295. It is not quite that that I am upon; why, if you wished to be quite certain that Mr. Edwards received the money, did you not have the money sent to you, and give it to Mr. Edwards yourself?—It did not occur to me, and I do not think I should like money to be brought to me at any time during an election. I think it ought to be given to the agent. I see that there have been some remarks about personal expenditure. I do not know whether it is wrong to say it, but I believe the only personal expenditure I made there was buying some writing paper and postage stamps, and so glad was I to leave the place that I gave the porter half-a-crown who looked after my luggage when I went away, because I was so pleased to go. I should just like to say that, in my evidence before the Commissioners at Deal, I endeavoured as far as possible to say nothing personal of Mr. Roberts. I do not know whether the Commissioners have taken that view, but I certainly endeavoured to do so, because I have no personal feeling towards Mr. Roberts, and consequently I have been a good deal surprised to see some very silly stories in his evidence about me. I can only say they are totally untrue; none of such things ever occurred, and I do not desire to say more than that as regards Mr. Roberts. Mr. Roberts came up to me at the Orleans club, as I put it, to ask for a character, to ask if I had any complaint to make of him; I was with my wife at the time, and I said, "Mr. Roberts, my petition at Sandwich is not because of 'anything you have done; you have behaved yourself with every courtesy to me, but it is upon other and 'public grounds.'" I told him that in my wife's presence when he came up to me, and I did not go to him at all for the purpose. I have met Captain Roberts, his brother, on several occasions since, and have always spoken to him, I hope, in a courteous manner, as I hope I should do with every gentleman with whom I have to deal, and consequently I was very much surprised to see such silly stories introduced into his evidence which were totally untrue. If I had thought of telling you silly stories that I had heard about Mr. Roberts, I might have filled folios, but such is not my practice.

19,296. I do not think that anything has been said about you that you should mind the least in the world?—Then there is a statement in Mr. Roberts' evidence that my vanity had been hurt by being beaten by so large a majority. Scores of my friends would tell the Commissioners that I was very glad that I had been beaten; that I knew I was going to be beaten, and I really do not think I should have gone on if I had thought I was not going to be beaten. Then also I should like to say that Mr. Roberts had an enormous number of horses and carriages down, and some of my supporters came to me for the purpose of asking me to have horses and carriages, as they said it produced a better effect, and my answer was that I was not asking them to vote for my stable, but for myself. Then also I would add that my total week's expenditure at Sandwich, and I had several friends to luncheon, was 33l. I should add that Mr. Roberts was there a fortnight before me, and all the public-houses were engaged long before it was known I was going to be a candidate, and most of the public-houses that were taken upon my side were taken upon the day I arrived. When I went out upon the Tuesday, I was taken up the High Street at Deal, and I saw public-houses with my bills up that morning, and when I went over to Sandwich to be introduced to the leading tradespeople there, I saw a number of public-houses with bills of mine, and I concluded that they were taken upon the Monday before I arrived. I arrived at Deal, I think, at seven o'clock at night, the train being half-an-hour late. I should like to add that my intention was not to give more than the 2,000l., and I only sent the other cheque to Mr. Emmerson because I was asked for it for a very legitimate expenditure, namely, the returning officers' deposit. If anything occurs to the Commissioners to put to me, I should be glad to answer it now, because my doctor says I must go away, and it would be very inconvenient to have to be sent for.

19,297. I think you may conclude that there is nothing more we desire to ask you, and we shall not have occasion to trouble you again?—I am obliged to you. I am very anxious to give all the information in my power to the Commissioners.

[Adjourned to Friday next at half-past eleven].

NINETEENTH DAY.

Friday, 5th November 1880.

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EDWIN HUGHES sworn and examined.

19,298. (Mr. Holl.) You are a solicitor at Woolwich?—Yes, Woolwich and London.

19,299. And you have, I believe, for many years acted as an election agent?—Yes. I have written out a statement which appears to me to be short, and I think it would be convenient if you would allow me to read it, with a view of saving time.

19,300. Yes, be good enough to read it, and if there be anything afterwards we may wish to ask you, we will do so?—My statement runs thus:—"I went to Sandwich as agent for the Conservative candidate, and took over absolute control. I speak of the borough by its Parliamentary name, but Deal was the key of the position, and I stayed there. I went on in the usual way by meetings, placards, and engaging public-houses, and when, about the third day, I had time to go about, I was astonished to find the public-houses so close together. I never had a more obedient set to deal with than the Conservatives at Sandwich. I soon made myself acquainted with everything and everybody. I found the Conservatives had contested the place many times, and with one exception for three months, had never been successful. I found the cause of this was wholesale bribery by the Liberals, and nursing the place between elections as well. I started with the idea that no illegal payments were to be made, and especially that no corrupt practices were to be resorted to. I was told that the other side would not be so particular. I said, 'If the Liberals 'do anything wrong, let me know.' We obtained 1,400 promises (before Sir Julian Goldsmid appeared)

"by saying that if we were unsuccessful it was the last time we would ever contest the place, and all the men who wanted payment or promise of payment, I marked Liberal, and told the canvassers not to trouble them any more. I reckoned we should poll 10 per cent. less than our promises, that is, net 1,260. This allowance was made by me for defects in canvass reports, as usual at elections. I sanctioned about 30 poles being put up at first, to amuse the waterside people, and in case the poles might be wanted, and the men acted under William Spears' orders; and I was obliged to leave it to him, for I should have been hindered in other more important matters. As soon as Sir Julian came down, his party put up poles and flags by scores. I then told Mr. Usher I could not be bothered about flags and rosettes; if he liked to attend to it he could, as of course the other side could not object to our doing the same as they did, and William Spears had some poles put up. The same day, rumours of bribery and promises by the Liberals came to me, with circumstantial evidence more or less reliable. I was not too ready to believe all I heard, for such rumours I heard were sometimes made to force the hand of the opposite party; but at last there was no room to doubt it. I examined into 20 cases, and became acquainted with the whole scope of the bribery by the Liberals, who were their bribers, where and how their money was being distributed, and my scouts gave me overwhelming evidence. Besides, I had personal interviews with the voters themselves, some of whom deposited the Liberal

" money with me, so that I came to the conclusion that our promised majority was being undermined by an unscrupulous enemy, and we must retire from the contest, or remain and be beaten as previous Conservatives had been. There was only one alternative, and that was to administer an antidote, namely, to make a present to those who had promised us, to prevent the Liberal bribe taking effect; in other words, to pay our men to keep their promises. It was said, as Sir Julian bribes, he will not and cannot complain if we counteract him with his own weapons. I must confess this was specious reasoning, and I had to consider the matter in all its bearings. The law of self-defence was one point. It was very hard to have worked so strenuously for more than a week, and secured the seat, and then to be brought up in this way. We could have been defeated and petitioned: but then a petitioner becomes so unpopular, and is always looked upon as a tale-bearer. It was my business to deal with facts as they existed; besides, if the whole affair exploded and the borough became disfranchised, it would be a gain of two Liberal seats to the Conservative party, and it was quite time something decisive was done with such a corrupt Liberal stronghold. I knew that if our candidate retired he could not even petition, and it would look cowardly to run away, so it was decided to be nominated, and go to the poll. Now the money for presents to those who had promised Mr. Roberts did not come through my accounts; but the conclusions I have drawn from what then took place, and what has been told me since, is that in self defence money was provided which found its way to Olds; that I do not believe any person had any money for paying those who had previously promised us, except through Olds. The amount he had was probably about the same as Sir Julian provided. The antidote, as I call it, was no doubt administered to our promisees on the Monday evening the 17th, or on the Tuesday morning before the poll, after they had received money from the Liberals, whose money (1,500*l.*) arrived on the Friday in the week previously, and this accounts for so many receiving money from both sides. In some few cases the antidote may have been administered before the bane; but I should judge, in nearly all cases the Liberal money was paid first, and, therefore, our payment on Whit Monday and Tuesday, may, as to the great bulk of the cases, be considered the antidote to the Liberal payments the previous Friday and Saturday. It must also be remembered that many of Sir Julian's party advanced sums of money prior to the Friday out of their own pockets on the strength of being repaid. I was asked by Conservatives as early as Tuesday the 11th, whether they should take Liberal money which had been offered to them. I said, 'Certainly; it is better for you to have 'it who will not be influenced, than for somebody 'else to have it that will be influenced.' The Liberals tried to buy the Conservatives over, but did not succeed sufficiently to affect the result. The Conservatives did not bribe the Liberals at all, but left them alone, satisfied to hold fast the promises that had already been honestly given. I gave distinct orders to all our supporters to poll before 1 o'clock and they nearly all did. Liberals applied all day, and especially in the afternoon, to be bribed, but were steadfastly refused. Our organisation was as perfect as I knew how to make it, and we had only 10 men unpollled. The result of the poll showed that the defensive measures adopted by the Conservatives prevented the Liberal bribes from affecting more than about 100 of our promises, for we polled 1,140, being about 120 less than my estimate. What that loss would have been if Liberal bribery had not been counteracted at all may be estimated at quite sufficient to have returned Sir Julian Goldsmid, for 220 shifted from one side to the other would have done it. Then came the question whether Sir Julian, having fought a duel which was illegal, would take proceedings." He says he made up his mind to petition from first, but if the 1,500*l.* he sent from Rochester on the Friday had secured him the victory, I believe he would have sat as member for Sandwich, because, as he says, 'a seat is a seat.' In that case, we should have put up with it, because, as between the parties themselves, it was a stand-up fight, although with illegal weapons. No idea of giving Sir Julian the seat to abandon the petition has ever been thought of by us; our sense of injury is too strong. I am more anxious for the future than the past, and I think colourable employment cannot be abolished unless paid canvassers and

" messengers are restricted to a reasonable number. The consequences arising from illegal payments (which do not avoid the seat, and involve only small penalties) are not sufficiently serious to be deterrent. Except the seat is claimed no recriminating evidence is allowable. I think therefore that some official like the Queen's Proctor should intervene where the petitioner is himself suspected. I annex the original letter from the Liberals to one of the voters offering the illegal payment of travelling expenses from Lee, and I also append particulars of the 20 cases of Liberal bribery which rendered a counter movement or a retreat requisite. Personally I am very vexed at having gone down to Sandwich at all, or having been cognisant in any way, even on the defensive, with such questionable proceedings, but being in the thick of the fight I was not the man to run away and leave the enemy in possession. The Liberals, who have for years educated the voters at Sandwich to expect payment from them for their votes, are really responsible for all that has ensued. It is the natural result." I have here a statement that was drawn up at the time of the petition, but which was not used, because there was no recriminatory evidence admitted; it is a proof that I had prepared at the time of the petition, and it states: "Mr. Edwin Hughes was agent, he has lodged all his papers with the returning officer; he, however, produces letter written by Liberals. 'Liberal Committee, Queen's Head Inn, Walmer, May 13th, 1880. To R. M. Bowman, Esq., Leyland Lodge, Leyland Road, Lee, Kent. Dear Sir, The committee would feel greatly obliged if you will give your interest for Sir Julian Goldsmid, Bart., our Liberal candidate. A railway pass will be sent upon their receiving a favourable reply. Yours truly, E. T. Rose.' On this information, and having in view the noted central Liberal circular, Mr. Hughes sanctioned passes outside the borough, or payments for same. Mr. Hughes also proves that the day before the election Alexander Pettet, 3A, Cannon Street, Deal (1427), came with W. License, 'Saracen's Head,' to him, and produced a piece of paper like the following:—Mr. Johnson, x x x x P. 61. This he, Pettet, cashed and obtained 1*l.* from the Liberals; he then had another paper from the Liberals marked thus:—1 J. x x x x x." The '1' means that 1*l.* was paid, and 4*l.* had to come, making a total of 5*l.*, and the 'J' means Johnson. This man Pettet showed them to me, and left them with me, but afterwards came for them, because he could not get the money without, and when he got the money upon the promissory note he brought it to me. "This paper was a promissory note for 4*l.*, and showed 1*l.* had been paid. He was to go to William Henry Ramell, No. 1475, 10, Napier Terrace, Deal, to meet there at 7 o'clock, and ask for Mr. Johnson. Pettet afterwards got the 4*l.* and deposited it with Mr. Hughes. James Wratten (1764), 20, Nelson Street, is stated by Mr. W. B. Mackie, 2, Water Street, to have received 7*l.* R. T. May, 1, North Street, reported Liberal arrangement was 2*l.* down, to be paid at Ramell's, and 3*l.* afterwards. Arthur Trott (1677), of 85A, Beach Street, is reported to have been offered 8*l.* by the Liberals; so says Mackie, 2, Water Street. Thomas Marsh (1273), 1, Bridge Row, but removed to Dawson Street, told me he received 4*l.* from Liberals. Frederick Wakeman (1695), 132, High Street, Deal, was offered bribe by Liberals; told Tucker and Moon so. William Brown (1854), High Street, Walmer, is said to have received 4*l.* from Charles Cox, at King's, the hairdresser's. Edward Hougham (1150), 13, Grove Terrace, Gladstone Road, also received 4*l.* from Charles Cox, at King's, the hairdresser's. Thomas Cribben, junior (857), Beach Street, North End, received a bribe at a quarter to nine the day before the election from James McArthur Chittenden (805), 181, Beach Street. Caspell was bribed by brother to the brewer. Liberal bribes in Walmer were distributed by Edward Thomas Rose (204), Strand, Walmer, and William Trigg (2084), Strand, Walmer. Henry Roberts (1522), 150, Middle Street, is supposed to have been bribed. John William Cavell (788), 32, Beach Street, Deal, moved to Farrier Street, bribed by 4*l.*, so Myhill, 6, Wellington Road, states. Walter Dunn (920), 5, High Street, Deal, had 3*l.*, also Harry Bailey (649), 15, Jews Harp Alley, received 3*l.* from Warner, the pilot. These cases were reported to Dr. Hulke, Dr. Mason, and Mr. Ommaney, and Mr. Denne, junr., and the money in Dunn's case deposited with me." Then follow some observations very similar to those I have read in my statement to-day, and these are cases the bulk of which I think you

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tumbled across at Deal, but they could not be mentioned upon the hearing of the petition, because recriminatory evidence was not allowed.

19,301. (*Mr. Holl.*) I think you went down upon the 4th?—Upon Wednesday, the 5th.

19,302. Had you been personally introduced to Mr. Crompton Roberts prior to the hour you met him there?—No, I met him down there when I arrived.

19,303. Who were the leading men of the Conservative party that you met when you went down?—Hulke, Mason, and Nethersole were three of the chief leaders, and very respectable gentlemen indeed, holding high positions; and also I met others holding a different position, such as Henry Spears, Myhill, Olds, Porter, and Ralph, all of whom I think you have heard.

19,304. Did you consult with them as to what steps you should take, or did you take your own course?—I heard what they had to say, and took my own course; of course I was influenced by what they had said.

19,305. I mean as to the course of proceeding to be adopted by you?—I went down as an expert knowing all about it, that is to say, about the conduct of elections; therefore, although, of course, I heard what they had to say, I took my own course, though, as was natural, I was influenced by what they said.

19,306. Can you tell us very shortly what they suggested as to the mode of procedure?—They left entirely to me the course of procedure, and only made statements to me as to what generally took place at Deal, and what sort of people they were; of course I wanted to know all about that.

19,307. Tell us shortly what they told you as to what generally took place at Deal?—Of course, I arranged to have committee meetings every morning at eleven o'clock, and a few to meet together in the evening to talk over the results of the day, and I gradually got my organization up to a pretty good pitch of perfection. They told me from day to day what was going on, what the other side were doing, and what chances the other side had of getting a candidate. The first thing I enquired about was the bill sticking.

19,308. Did they give you any information as to what usually took place at Deal?—About the third or fourth day suddenly they said that if the other side obtained a candidate they would spend a lot of money illegally.

19,309. I am speaking of when you first went down?—Do you mean the same night?

19,310. Yes, or the next day?—I cannot separate the first night from the second day.

19,311. You have stated that they have told you what was generally the mode of procedure, and what sort of people they were; what did they say to you as to the usual mode of proceeding at Deal?—They told me people would expect to be paid for their votes, and I said they would not get any money from our side; they said that the Liberals would pay them if I did not, and I said that I would not.

19,312. What did they say as to what sort of people they were; do you mean that they told you that they would require to be paid?—That they had been in the habit of being paid by the Liberals. I must make that exception. It was never suggested for a moment that either Major Hughes Hallett, or Baron Henry de Worms, or anybody on the Conservative side, had paid for any votes, and it was perfectly clear that they had lost, because the other side had paid for votes. That was what was stated to be the reason of their failure.

19,313. They told you that the people were in the habit of being paid by the Liberal side, but not by the Conservative side?—That is so.

19,314. From whom did you learn that?—I could not say, I am sure.

19,315. Cannot you give me the name of anyone?—No, I do not know that I can; Olds told me that certainly.

19,316. Did they suggest that you should make an exception to what had been the general course of proceeding upon the Conservative side, and that you should bribe?—They suggested that I should make an exception to my original course of proceeding, and told me that I was evidently a good man for a large borough, but did not understand the place.

19,317. What did you understand they suggested to you to do?—To spend more money than had been ever spent at any election with which I had anything to do, because I never spent any money illegally.

19,318. In what way did you understand they suggested you should spend it?—In the first place in flags,

poles, and rosettes, which were all right 30 or 40 years ago, but which are illegal now, and I said I would not have any till the other side started it.

19,319. Who suggested it to you?—About the flags and rosettes, do you mean?

19,320. Yes?—I think it was amongst the boatmen that the suggestion came about the flags, because they wanted a job.

19,321. I understood you to say that it was suggested to you that it would be necessary for you to pay the people for their votes?—They said that the Liberals would do it, and if I did not do it we should lose.

19,322. I understood you to say that they told you if you did not do it the Liberals would?—They said the Liberals would do it in any event.

19,323. I think I am correct in saying that just now you told me that they said if you did not bribe the Liberals would?—No, I did not say that; they told me that the Liberals always bribed, and would again.

19,324. They told you that the people would expect to be paid, and if you did not do it the Liberals would?—It amounts to that, though I did not put it in those words. I do not see the difference; they told me that the Liberals would pay their voters, and if we did not pay ours the Liberals would get in as they had done before.

19,325. Did you understand that it was a suggestion that you should pay the voters?—Yes, it was suggested over and over again and I resisted it firmly.

19,326. You say, as I understand you, that they told you the Conservatives never bribed before, and they were suggesting that you should make an exception to the usual custom?—They suggested it as a mode by which the Liberals ought to be met, but I did not agree with it, and I threatened to go back home several times.

19,327. I suppose when you got down there you took certain steps?—Yes, I attended the billsticker first.

19,328. You took certain steps to secure the interest of different classes for the Conservative candidate?—Yes, exactly. I can, if you desire it, put that bill-sticking business perfectly right.

19,329. I presume, besides the mechanics and working class there, the principal classes would be publicans, boatmen, and the tradespeople?—I understood that the boatmen formed the turning element in the constituency—whichever way the boatmen went would be the main point.

19,330. I presume you knew that the publicans also formed a considerable body?—Yes, they always do, they and their acquaintances and connexion. They always have a dozen or so, more or less, in their parlour company, and that is of itself an influence no doubt.

19,331. I think, to use an expression that you just now used, the publican element was a very important element to obtain?—Yes, one of the elements, and I desired to secure it by the best means I could.

19,332. Were the means that you took to secure the publican interest the taking of rooms at the different public-houses?—Yes, certainly.

19,333. I think you took rooms in Deal and Walmer to the number of 70 or 71?—Yes, something like that; a large number, certainly.

19,334. And at Sandwich, 18?—My sub-agent at Sandwich took something like that number—I thought it was 17, but it may have been 18.

19,335. That was in fact, as you now know, a considerable portion of the public-houses?—Yes, about two-thirds, I think.

19,336. They were, I think, taken generally at a sum of 5*l.* each?—Yes, I served them all alike so that there should be no grumbling.

19,337. One or two had more, I think?—Yes, there were two had 10*l.* each, but 5*l.* was the run. There was one at 10*l.* at Sandwich, the chief hotel there, and the "Royal" hotel at Deal was 10*l.*, but all the others were 5*l.*

19,338. Had the rooms been engaged to any extent before you went there?—Yes.

19,339. By whom?—It was arranged by Mr. Olds, but they had not been paid when I went down.

19,340. I believe they were all paid the day that you went down, or the following day?—They were paid within three days, and my object was very simple—the price was low, and I wanted to settle it at that before they made any higher demand—the price was certainly very reasonable.

19,341. In that way you secured, to a great extent, the publican interest?—Practically I secured the use of a room in each particular house and the bill-sticking upon the outside, but there is no doubt that indirectly it influences the publicans to take an interest upon your side of politics, though nothing was said about that.

19,342. And probably they would vote for you?—I do not think that it influences the votes to the extent it has been argued, because some of the publicans may be paid for their votes separately. I do not think it would be correct to say that the 5*l.* included the vote.

19,343. The object of taking the rooms was to a great extent to influence the publicans in their votes?—Yes, but not to buy their votes.

19,344. And also to secure, if possible, their influence with their clientele?—Yes, the object of doing every act at an election is to influence the election, but there was no thought of the 5*l.* covering the vote in any way—there was nothing said in this way, "Of course you will vote for us."

19,345. I think in respect of those houses there was something like in round numbers 500*l.* paid?—Whatever is in the accounts is right—it may include meetings, but I am not sure of that, as I have not seen the accounts for some months. I may say that the publicans as a class were upon our side, and supposing I knew a publican to be a Conservative I should feel myself quite bound to give him an opportunity of letting his house.

19,346. You did not go round to ascertain whether they were Conservatives or Liberals before engaging them?—No, certainly not; if they were Conservatives they were entitled to let a committee room as a reward for being Conservatives, and if they were Liberals it was better to have a committee room to prevent them, if possible, from injuring us.

19,347. In one instance it was taken for the purpose of securing the vote, and in the other it might influence the getting of the vote?—Yes, quite so.

19,348. About 500*l.* was expended in securing houses in that way?—Yes, I think so.

19,349. The next thing that you did was to secure the interest of the boatmen and the longshore men?—I set to work upon the whole constituency the same day.

19,350. Taking the classes separately, you took steps to secure the interest of the longshore men, and the boatmen?—Not specially them more than anybody else—everybody who had votes.

19,351. Amongst others, you did take steps to secure the interest of the boatmen and longshore men?—Yes.

19,352. And among other means you used was that of erecting poles?—No, erecting poles was really a laughable affair—there were about 30 put up the first week, and that was all.

19,353. Do you mean to say that not more than 30 were put up the first week?—That is all.

19,354. Are you sure of that?—Yes, I think so.

19,355. Did you take any means to ascertain how many were put up the first week?—I know that very few were paid for—there was one by the main committee room, and two or three others at principal points.

19,356. You gave authority for Mr. Usher to act for you?—No, Usher had nothing to do with the poles, it was William Spears. They came to me about the poles, and I said, "Poles are not illegal, but flags are;" and I said that I did not think we should want any flags, and they said that we should be sure to want some.

19,357. You say you think there were about 30 poles erected the first week?—Yes, that is all.

19,358. You did commence erecting poles within a day or so after you went down to Deal?—Yes.

19,359. In fact you commenced immediately?—No, not immediately; not till about the third or fourth day, because I had been postponing it as an absurdity as long as I possibly could.

19,360. Are you prepared to say that there were none erected before the third or fourth day?—I could tell you immediately by looking at the date I paid Spears. I see the first cheque I paid was 7*l.* 10*s.*, upon the 8th, which is three days after I got down, and then 3*l.* 10*s.* upon the 10th, and upon the 12th 30*l.*, and then Sir Julian Goldsmid was there, so that I think I am quite right in saying before Sir Julian came the number was not more than 30.

19,361. There is 13*l.* 10*s.* to Spears upon the 7th, before the 7*l.* 10*s.* upon the 8th, and then 13*l.* 10*s.* upon the 10th?—Yes; that is what I paid the first week for poles; and when Sir Julian came down upon the 11th their poles went up, and I had to go on.

19,362. When did you first authorise Usher?—Usher said that Sir Julian's flags had been exhibited, and I said that the matter had better be left in his hands; he told me that he had done the thing before, and I said he had better do it again, and he did. We bought all the flags that we could get at, at last we were obliged to make.

19,363. Do I understand you to say that no flags were commenced making before Sir Julian Goldsmid came down; that no orders were given for them at all?—Not that I know of; I left it to Usher.

19,364. You had authorised Usher before that?—I told Usher if the other people flew flags we would do so, but I would not have any put up before the others began. They would not take very long to make, because some of them were only pieces of calico cut and just hemmed over on one side.

19,365. However, you had given authority to Usher earlier than that to act when necessary?—I do not know; I told him I would not act till the others flew flags.

19,366. Do I understand you to say distinctly that no authority was given to make flags until after Sir Julian came down?—Yes; that is my impression.

19,367. Are you prepared to say that it is a correct impression?—I certainly said I would not have any hoisted until the other side began.

19,368. I am speaking now about the orders for making them, and rosettes?—I did not control Usher to the extent of saying when he should first begin.

19,369. When did Usher first speak to you about it?—I do not think before Sir Julian came down. I seem to remember people coming in and saying, "There they go; there are flags flying in all directions."

19,370. Do I understand you to say that you gave no authority to Usher to make or order flags until after Sir Julian Goldsmid came down?—Yes, that is my belief. I refused to have any flags, and I would not have had any if the other side had not.

19,371. Have you anything to enable you to fix that date?—The date upon which Sir Julian Goldsmid came down would be the 11th, and if you find any bills of Usher's for flags dated before the 11th, it would appear that he had made, or caused some flags to be ordered, before the 11th.

19,372. (*Mr. Turner.*) Were there not flags to be attached to these 30 poles?—No, they were as bare as possible; no flags were flown whatever until after Sir Julian came down and until after his flags were hoisted.

19,373. (*Mr. Holl.*) The poles were probably put up with the view of having flags upon them?—Of course; the 20 or 30 poles were put up so that if the other side flew flags we could not have to do everything at the last moment. [The dates of Usher's bills will show when the orders were given. The date of my first 100*l.* to Usher would give you some clue to it, because he would not go on long without money, and I was anxious to pay ready money.]

19,374. There is 6*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* to Usher upon the 12th?—That is a very small matter.

19,375. Upon May 14th there is a cheque for 100*l.*?—Yes, that is the first, and Sir Julian Goldsmid came down upon the 11th, so that it is three days after he came down. You may depend upon it they did not begin to make flags until the other side began to fly them.

19,376. Although they put up the poles you do not think they began making the flags?—No, I should not have put up any flags at all if the other side had not. I know it is illegal as far as the payment is concerned, though it does not avoid the seat.

19,377. You are aware, I suppose, that the amount that was expended in flags and rosettes was somewhere about 400*l.*, besides what was paid to Mr. Cloke?—Yes.

19,378. Altogether it comes to between 450*l.* and 500*l.* spent upon flags and rosettes?—Yes.

19,379. And upon poles 279*l.*?—No, that would include something else beyond poles.

19,380. Poles, watching, and cordage?—I think that includes advertisements, does it not?

19,381. No, they are separate. A good deal of this money that was expended upon poles was done with the view of employing the longshore men and influencing their votes?—I have not the least doubt that the object is to conciliate the different classes of the constituency. Every expenditure at an election is for the purpose of winning the election; that is so right through from the beginning to the end of an election.

19,382. As to the watchmen employed to watch the

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poles, that was with the view of giving employment to some parties?—It is with the view of watching the poles, but there is no doubt that also has the effect of influencing a voter to vote for the side upon which he is employed; that is the effect, though it may not be the object.

19,383. One witness in particular told us that a dozen of them together asked you for employment?—They formed a committee of boatmen, which represented a good number of their class, and that committee were employed to assist in watching the poles and a lot of other things. If I had any doubtful voters that wanted clearing up, I would send the name on to Axon, and he would send information back that he was going to vote for us, or that he was going to vote against us. It was not colourable employment, because they did something for their money undoubtedly.

19,384. With regard to the employment of men employed in watching and putting up the poles, that was with the view of influencing their votes, was it not?—It has the effect. Every penny that is spent at an election has the effect of influencing the votes.

19,385. And you were aware of that at the time you authorised the employment?—Yes; every employment at an election has an influence, certainly.

19,386. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You agree, of course, that there was a great deal more spent in putting up poles than was absolutely necessary for the mere purposes of the election?—It was not necessary at all to put any poles up; it was pure waste.

19,387. (*Mr. Turner.*) These men, I suppose, were paid more than they would have got for a day's work anywhere else?—Yes, I should think they would earn more by putting up poles than they would earn at their ordinary work.

19,388. (*Mr. Holl.*) I see, with regard to this flag and colour department, there is an account made out under that head for 14l. 1s. 6d., and then there is an account, "Paid as per vouchers" (without saying for what), an amount of nearly 400l.?—That is for flags and rosettes.

19,389. I see in the returned accounts you give it under the head of clerks?—Yes, part of that is clerks.

19,390. But I do not see anything for clerks?—The 6l. given to Usher in the first instance was for clerks.

19,391. I see Mr. Usher says in his evidence, "On the third day, I think it was, I was down at the committee room. People bothered Mr. Hughes for flags and colours, and he said, 'I wish some one would take this off my hands.' I said, 'What is it?' He said, 'To look after the flags and colours; I suppose we shall be bound to have them.'"?—Yes, but only bound if the others had them.

19,392. That was the third day?—It was talked about, but there was no order given to make flags upon that day.

19,393. Is it correct that upon that day that authority was given to him?—That is not an authority, but it is an expression of opinion that we should have to have them at a future time, but following the lead of the other side.

19,394. Then he says, "I said, 'Very well, I will undertake anything of that sort.' (Q.) You say Mr. Hughes came down on the 5th? (A.) Yes. (Q.) You were engaged for two or three days? (A.) I will not be sure. I expect this would be about Friday, about the 7th."?—We talked about flags undoubtedly. I distinctly said I would not have flags at all unless the other side had them.

19,395. Then he is asked, "Did he give you authority to do what you thought proper with regard to that?" (A.) He said, "I will leave it entirely in your hands"?—Yes, that is when it was wanted, but primarily it was not to be had at all if the other side did not fly any. Whatever the conversation was, it was the subject of general observation that no flags were to be had upon our side if the other side did not start them, and no flag was displayed upon our side, I am quite certain, until a day or two after the others had started them; that is a fact, about which there can be no doubt; there was no bunting upon our side until the other side began to fly flags.

19,396. Then Mr. Usher is asked again, "I see you sent in an account of what you had either paid or rendered yourself liable for? (A.) Yes. I may explain that I made the payments at different times. As soon as I had incurred responsibilities to the amount of 100l. I sent to Mr. Hughes and asked him for a cheque"?—I do not know when he gave the

order, but I do not think that he would give an order until after Sir Julian Goldsmid came down, because I distinctly said that I would not have any flags if I could help it.

19,397. His statement is that upon the 14th he got the cheque, and up to that time he had incurred responsibility to the extent of 100l.?—Sir Julian Goldsmid had been down three days then.

19,398. According to his evidence he got the cheque upon the 14th and had asked for it a day or two before, and had incurred responsibility at the time of asking for the cheque to the extent of 100l.?—I cannot contradict him, because I do not know what responsibility he did incur.

19,399. According to that evidence, before Sir Julian Goldsmid came down he must have incurred responsibility to the extent of 100l.?—I cannot say.

19,400. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did you find any flagging upon the part of Sir Julian's party before he came down?—No, I think not. I do not think that I saw any flags upon the other side before Sir Julian came down, because there was nothing to fly a flag to; they had no candidate.

19,401. We have had evidence before us that there were flags flying upon the day he came down?—Yes, they were up directly—directly it was known that Sir Julian had decided to stand; everybody that had a blue rag in the place was out with it at once, even if it were only something hanging out of a window with the window shut down upon it.

19,402. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then I see Mr. Usher, in his further evidence, says: "I think, by the bye, I had incurred a greater liability at that time; but I said 'Give me 100l. for the present, because people do not care about supplying colours on a second account 'until they had been paid the first.' He got another 100l. upon the 15th, the following day?—Yes.

19,403. So that upon the following day, the 15th, he must have incurred responsibility to the extent of 200l.?—Yes.

19,404. What was the object in the accounts that you handed in to the judges upon the election petition of putting the whole of this 370l. payable to Usher under the head of "Clerks, &c."?—A portion of it was clerks.

19,405. I do not find any item there for clerks?—I told the judges that it was undoubtedly an impropriety, and there is an end of it.

19,406. I suppose you thought this was a sort of expenditure that it would be as well not to make too prominent?—Yes, I did not think it worth while, upon the face of the account, to illegalise it.

19,407. That is, to draw particular attention to the item?—Yes.

19,408. Then there is a considerable amount spent in canvassers, messengers, and so forth, 600l. odd?—Yes, whatever is in the account.

19,409. There is 450l., I think, paid to canvassers?—Yes.

19,410. Were those canvassers paid to canvass in the ordinary sense, or was it to secure their votes?—No, they worked very hard for it; they earned their money, because I kept them at it all day long, and they really worked very hard.

19,411. Were they employed to obtain and secure votes by promising payment?—No, by canvassing in the ordinary sense.

19,412. We find, as a matter of fact, that they did promise?—They did it upon their own responsibility.

19,413. How soon did they do that after Sir Julian Goldsmid came down?—I cannot tax my memory.

19,414. It could not have been before?—I do not think it was before that.

19,415. But before the election a considerable time?—Before the election, no doubt; some of them would say, "If the other side want you to vote for them, and offer you anything, do not let that influence your vote."

19,416. Were they not really authorised to ascertain who amongst their friends could be relied upon to vote for the Conservative side for a consideration?—No, that was all done before Sir Julian came down; there was no promise of payment in the first instance to my knowledge.

19,417. Do I understand you to represent that the constituency, about which we know something now, were so pure at a time before Sir Julian came down that up to that time they did not ask for money?—Plenty of them asked, but I put them down as Liberals at once.

I said they were dangerous customers and there was no use bothering about them. We got 1,400 promises, in my opinion, without any stipulation for payment at all; and if Sir Julian's party had not bribed and we had not bribed we should have got in.

19,418. (*Mr. Turner.*) Were those 1,400 promises obtained before Sir Julian Goldsmid came down?—Yes.

19,419. You went down upon the 5th and started upon the 6th?—I started the same night, and by the 12th we had 1,400 promises. I had 80 canvassers, so that I very soon settled the question of 2,000 voters.

19,420. I understand you to say that you got 1,400 promises by a representation that that would be the last election unless the Conservative was elected?—Yes.

19,421. If they were not to get something for it why should that influence them. If a man's tendency was towards the Liberal side, why should he promise you unless he was to get something for it?—There would be some of them who would vote for us in order to keep up the contest or the rivalry. For instance, this was in their minds; if Brassey and Crompton Roberts both represent the place—of course Brassey is a very liberal man—and Roberts will have to follow him in what he does in local matters.

19,422. Do you not know that the object they had and the desire they had for the contest was that they might get that payment which they had been in the habit of getting?—There is an element of that kind, but I do not know that it pervades the whole constituency.

19,423. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Even if there is no direct bribery, an election is a capital thing for them?—Yes. For instance, that 3,100*l.* that I spent does not include direct bribery, and it must be a good thing for a place, and it is looked upon by them as such.

19,424. (*Mr. Turner.*) Everybody who voted for the Liberals you say was bribed?—I do not say everyone, but I say upon former occasions more than sufficient to carry the Liberals in were bought votes.

19,425. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you believe that at the previous election when a Conservative stood and was defeated that the Liberals bribed and the Conservatives did not?—Yes.

19,426. The Conservative voters throughout Deal you believe are perfectly immaculate and pure?—No, I do not say that.

19,427. What is it you do mean; do you believe that at previous elections the Liberals have been bribed but not the Conservatives?—Yes, I do, and they lost.

19,428. With the same class of people, yet taking a Conservative boatman and a Liberal boatman there is that difference?—The argument that was used that we should never fight the borough again unless we were successful, no doubt, raised the numbers from 900, which is the normal number, up to 1,400. A number of the people have no politics at all.

19,429. Was it not because in case of a contest money was likely to be distributed amongst the voters for their votes?—No; I think the promises were given in order to keep the Conservatives and Liberals fighting for the place time after time, and independently of the question of buying their votes there is always at an election a certain amount of excitement; carriages are wanted, flags have to be made, people are employed as messengers. It does not at all follow that there was bound to be a payment for the votes.

19,430. Do I understand you to mean that you thought the character of the constituency was such that they did not look for payment for their votes at that time?—I thought the character of the constituency was such that they would get payment for their votes if they could, but if they could not they would have to go without.

19,431. Do you not think the desire for a contest was to get payment?—Yes, if they could.

19,432. And if they could not get it from the Liberals they would come to the Conservatives?—Some of them would.

19,433. That would be the character of the constituency in a large proportion?—No, not a large proportion, the minority. I will not give them such a bad character as that.

19,434. You are aware, are you not, that quite half of the constituency did succumb to the temptation?—I am aware of that.

19,435. Do you think that their virtue was overcome at a late period of the contest?—No, I take it that the

money was paid by the Liberals to the Conservatives for the purpose of getting them to break their promises, whereas I am certain we did not pay any money to the Liberals at all. We knew that they were in the minority, and we had got enough without them.

19,436. Do I understand that you did not attempt to bribe anybody who was doubtful as having a Liberal tendency?—No, I left them alone. There were plenty of Liberals that said, "You can have my vote for 5*l.*," and I said, "I do not want it, go and vote your own way."

19,437. Do I understand you to say that the money spent upon the Conservative side was paid to people who had already promised?—Yes, it was paid to them to keep them from being influenced by money distributed upon the other side, and if you follow it out I think you will find that I am upon that point confirmed right up to the hilt.

19,438. Supposing the parties canvassing upon the Conservative side have stated that they were constantly asked for money in the course of canvassing and could not get a promise without promising that something should be given, were you quite unaware of that?—I was not aware of that. Of the people that asked for money I said, "Do not bother yourself about them; depend upon it the man who asks for money in that unblushing manner is just as likely to vote against you even if he gets it; leave him alone."

19,439. Are you aware that a great many of the canvassers, I will not say upon the Conservative side only, but upon both sides have stated before us that everywhere they went they were asked for money and could not get promises without it?—I should not think that any Conservative canvassers have said that.

19,440. Do you mean to say they concealed that fact from you and did not give you any intimation of that being the state of things?—Yes, wherever they said, "So-and-so wants payment," I at once said, "Leave him alone," and I marked him as Liberal in my book, and had done with him.

19,441. I understand that you secured 1,400 promises from persons who did not ask for payment at all?—Yes.

19,442. (*Mr. Turner.*) Had those 1,400 that you secured always been Conservative voters?—No. So many as 1,400 have never been known in Deal before to promise to vote for the Conservatives; but they were influenced to that extent by our stating that we should never come to the place again if we were not successful. I do not think that the true Conservative element, if there is such a thing, numbers more than 900 in Deal.

19,443. (*Mr. Holl.*) However, you got 1,400 promises?—Yes, but we only called it 1,140.

19,444. If the true Conservative element numbered only 900, how do you account for 1,400 promises?—We were a week in the field before our opponent, and we managed to ingratiate ourselves very much with the constituency.

19,445. Do I understand you to say that you obtained 500 promises from the Liberal side?—No, not the Liberal side, but from people who had no politics. I should think there were 900 of our own people who were all right, and who would have voted for us in any event.

19,446. And you say that 500 who had no politics, promised you without any inducement so to do?—Yes, but they broke their promise.

19,447. Do you believe that 500 of those people who had no politics, promised you without having had any inducement held out to them?—The inducement was, that if they did not get us in that time, we should never contest the place again. They liked the idea of giving our side a turn, and so keeping the game alive. What they had in their own minds I do not know; but, however, they did promise us. I never went out canvassing, I may tell you, so that I am giving my own view of the case, and not from any absolute knowledge from canvassing.

19,448. Upon what day was it first determined to pay for any votes?—I suppose upon the Tuesday; it comes gradually. First of all there is the money upon the other side.

19,449. I want the date?—Upon the 12th we knew that the other side were distributing money.

19,450. Upon the 12th you say it was first determined on by you to give money to voters?—I had not finished my sentence; it was first upon that date conceded upon our part that it might be necessary to counteract the payments made upon the other side.

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19,451. What was the date when it was first determined that it might be necessary to counteract the payments made upon the other side?—Upon the 11th or 12th. It was not a decision that we should do so, but that it might be necessary.

19,452. That would be the day following that upon which Sir Julian Goldsmid came down?—Yes.

19,453. When did you actually determine to give money?—We should prepare to do so; but no money was available until Monday the 17th.

19,454. When did you first take steps, if I may so say, to put yourself in funds to do it, if necessary?—It was not to put myself in funds, but it was to put Olds in funds. The first steps would be taken upon the 12th, I think, and that is with regard to the 1,400l.

19,455. Upon that day you did obtain from Mr. Crompton Roberts a cheque for 600l.?—Yes, upon the 12th.

19,456. Was it the 11th, or the 12th?—Now I come to think, I believe it was upon Tuesday the 11th; but that money would not reach Olds till the Monday.

19,457. Upon the 11th it was that you got from Mr. Roberts a cheque for 600l. for the purpose of being able to provide Olds with funds to distribute?—I do not think that the purpose was sufficiently defined at that time to say that it was for that purpose, because it had not been decided to give it to Olds at that time.

19,458. Upon the same day as you got the cheque for 600l., you obtained from Mr. Crompton Roberts, a memorandum enabling you to obtain from Mr. Hoare a further sum if necessary?—Yes, certainly.

19,459. To be clear, upon the 11th of May I understand you got from Mr. Crompton Roberts a cheque for 600l.?—Yes.

19,460. Do you know to whom that cheque was made payable?—It was payable to Mr. Hoare.

19,461. Was it "Hoare or order," or "Hoare or bearer"?—"Hoare or bearer."

19,462. What did you do with that cheque?—I cashed it.

19,463. Did you cash it yourself?—Yes.

19,464. Did you go straight to the bank and cash it?—Yes.

19,465. Did you communicate with Mr. Hoare respecting that cheque at all?—No, not the least; I never saw him.

19,466. To what bank did you go?—A bank in Princes Street; the London Joint Stock Bank.

19,467. Did you get that money in gold?—Yes.

19,468. What did you do with that 600l.?—I paid it into the Bank of England, to a deposit account.

19,469. In whose name?—In the names of five; but it was paid into the Bank of England with another 300l., making 900l.

19,470. What were the names?—Mackie, Olds, Myhill, Hayman, and Thomas, I think, though I may have made a mistake in one name.

19,471. Was the whole of that 900l. paid in those five names jointly?—Yes.

19,472. From where did the other 300l. come?—From my bank. I drew a cheque for 300l., cashed it, and added it to the 600l., and paid in the 900l. to the Bank of England.

19,473. What was the date of the cheque that you drew?—The 11th.

19,474. Was it your own money?—Yes. I drew it out of my own account. I cannot say what money it was, but I drew it out of my own account.

19,475. Had you had any money provided for you, directly or indirectly, to meet that amount?—There was no difficulty about meeting it. I can always draw 300l.

19,476. I did not mean to suggest that you could not draw that amount; but had you, as a matter of fact, directly or indirectly, had that money supplied to you by anyone?—You are speaking of the 300l.?

19,477. Yes?—Not that particular money; but I had a balance in hand of Mr. Crompton Roberts at the time. I owed Mr. Crompton Roberts as much as that, or more.

19,478. Upon what bank did you draw this cheque?—My own bank; Glyn's.

19,479. Had you had money paid into Glyn's in order to meet the drawing?—No; it was not necessary to meet the drawing.

19,480. Had you any money of Mr. Crompton Roberts' in Glyn's bank at that time?—No; but there had been 400l., part of the 1,400l., paid to my credit at Glyn's. I did not draw the 300l. upon that, because I at any time can draw to the extent of 300l.

19,481. This 300l. you drew from Glyn's?—Yes, my own cheque.

19,482. And you had previously paid in 400l.?—No, I did not pay it in.

19,483. Who paid it in?—The party who came from Mr. Hoare, as part of the 1,400l.

19,484. 400l. had been paid in to your account?—Yes. I do not say that it was paid in before the 300l. cheque was drawn, because I think it was not. The drawing of the 300l. was a separate transaction altogether, and had nothing to do with the 400l. As I said before, it was not necessary to pay in before drawing the 300l.

19,485. I must go back a little in order to make it intelligible; what was the first money you received from Mr. Crompton Roberts. You took down yourself 500l. in sovereigns, or a sum of money in sovereigns?—There was some confusion about that 500l., as to whether it was Mr. Crompton Roberts', or whether it was mine. I knew that there was 500l. taken down, and I thought it was mine, but it turned out to be the proceeds of a 500l. cheque of Hoare's. The first cheque I had from Mr. Crompton Roberts was upon May 7th.

19,486. The impression you had upon a former occasion was that you had taken down 500l. of your own money, but that was a mistake?—Yes.

19,487. It was the proceeds of a cheque that you had received of Mr. Hoare?—No, I never received it.

19,488. (Mr. Jeune.) It was the cheque that Mr. Crompton Roberts told us about?—Yes, a cheque given to Mr. Hoare to get changed.

19,489. And in that way it came to Mr. Roberts' hands?—He sent it to Hoare, and Hoare took the opportunity of sending it down by my clerk to Roberts, but it was not given to Roberts, because Roberts let Thomas keep it.

19,490. That was the first 500l.?—Yes, no doubt; that is the first item in the account.

19,491. What was done with the 500l.?—It found its way to Olds ultimately, but I expect it changed hands two or three times in the passage.

19,492. What was done with it in the first instance?—The public-houses were paid out of it. I have always kept the 500l., the 600l. and the 1,400l. entirely distinct from my part of it.

19,493. What is the next money you received?—The second money was the 500l. upon the 7th. I never considered that the first 500l. had anything to do with me, and I kept the 600l. separate, as also the 1,400l. separate.

19,494. The 500l. forms part of the money returned as election expenses?—No, part of the money went to Olds.

19,495. I thought you said that the public-houses were paid out of it?—That may be, but the 500l. was kept quite distinct. It was brought down at Mr. Robert's own instance and not sent to me. The public-houses may have been paid out of it at the time, but it would be replaced directly afterwards.

19,496. The 500l. was kept by whom?—My clerk, Thomas. Altogether Mr. Crompton Roberts paid 6,500l., 4,000l. I had paid to me, which I account for; and then there are 1,400l., 500l. and 600l. not paid to me, and which I have not accounted for, and that money, beyond doubt, went to Olds.

19,497. That 500l. was not expended in paying the public-houses?—That 500l. may have been entrenched upon in paying the public-houses, but it would be replaced immediately.

19,498. If any portion of that 500l. was spent in the first instance in paying the public-houses it would be replaced?—Yes, certainly.

19,499. So, in point of fact, ultimately no part of that 500l. is applicable to the payment of public-houses?—No.

19,500. Or of any of the expenses mentioned in the returned expenses?—No, the 500l. was kept as distinct in the end as the 1,400l. and the 600l.

19,501. You say, according to your belief, the 500l. went to Olds?—2,500l. went to Olds.

19,502. That 500l. all went to Olds, you think?—Yes, certainly.

19,503. What was the first sum you received?—500l. upon the 7th in a cheque.

19,504. That is the cheque drawn payable to "Cobs;" that was the first 500l. you received?—Yes.

19,505. What did you do with it?—Paid it into the Deal bank, and opened an account with it.

19,506. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How came that cheque to be drawn upon Cobs?—I do not know. I heard Mr. Crompton Robert's explanation. I thought it was "Cabs" at first.

19,507. You did not suggest that it should be so drawn?—No, certainly not.

19,508. Did any conversation take place between you and Mr. Crompton Roberts as to whom that cheque should be made payable?—I think it was drawn before I got into the room.

19,509. Did any conversation take place between you and Mr. Crompton Roberts at all in respect to its being drawn payable to Cobs?—No, not in the least.

19,510. Nothing was said at all?—No. I had no object in so doing. I would as soon as not my name should be put in, because it was all right and proper. It struck me that it was a cheque that he had written out before hand, but I do not know.

19,511. What is the next sum you received from Mr. Crompton Roberts?—It is credited in the bank book, May 14th, 500l.

19,512. Between those cheques being given to you did you upon the 11th receive from Mr. Crompton Roberts a cheque for 600l.?—Yes, upon the 11th.

19,513. Payable to Hoare?—Yes.

19,514. What did you do with that cheque?—Cashed it as I have said.

19,515. And paid the money into the Bank of England together with another 300l. to the account of the five?—Yes.

19,516. At the same time that you received that cheque for 600l. from Mr. Crompton Roberts payable to Hoare did you receive from him a memorandum authorising you to obtain any further amount that you might require?—Yes, certainly, a *carte blanche*.

19,517. That is the memorandum in pencil which Mr. Crompton Roberts handed in?—I do not know that he handed it in.

19,518. What were the terms of that document?—"Let bearer have what he wants," or something of that kind.

19,519. And that was addressed to whom?—To Mr. Hoare.

19,520. And signed by Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, I think so, or initialled.

19,521. What did you do with that document?—I gave it to a gentleman that was being employed at an election of the name of Horne, and he took it to Mr. Hoare and got a cheque for 1,400l.

19,522. Upon what bank?—That I do not know, because I never saw the cheque; but I think it was the Joint Stock Bank, however, it was some bank and it was honoured all right.

19,523. How came Mr. Horne to get a cheque for 1,400l.?—I told him to get that cheque, and my idea was that that together with the 600l. would make up 2,000l., which was a substantial sum for the purpose for which it was likely to be wanted.

19,524. For the purpose of being distributed amongst the voters?—Yes, if found necessary—it was laying in a store of ammunition for the purpose, if required to be used.

19,525. (*Mr. Turner.*) There was 300l. besides that you have mentioned?—That went to the Bank of England.

19,526. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you know what Horne did with the 1,400l.?—Yes, he has told me—I have found it out—he paid 1,000l. to the credit of Olds at another bank and 400l. to my credit.

19,527. 1,000l. to the credit of Olds at what bank?—Bellairs et Fils, Calais.

19,528. And 400l. he paid into your account?—Yes, at Glyn's, which I repaid him as soon as possible afterwards, because I did not want to have anything to do with it. You will see by my Deal bank book when I gave it back.

19,529. Was it upon the 12th that it was paid into your account?—It is credited upon the 12th in my bank book, but it would be upon the 11th, because it would take a day to get down to Woolwich.

19,530. From what sum was the 300l. that you have told us of drawn, and which was paid into the account of the five?—I drew the 300l. generally on my own account. That would be drawn upon Glyn's before the 400l. went to my credit, and had no relation to the 400l.

because it was not at all necessary to pay in in order to draw out.

19,531. You drew upon your own account for 300l. and paid it in with the 600l. to the account of the five at the Bank of England?—Yes.

19,532. I understand you to say that the five names that the 900l. was paid into at the Bank of England were Olds, Mackie, Myhill, Hayman, and Thomas?—Yes.

19,533. Have you got any memorandum with regard to that payment into the Bank of England?—No, none at all.

19,534. You are sure those are the names?—Yes, I believe they were the names. I am certain of it.

19,535. You say that the 400l. which was paid in by Horne to your credit at Glyn's you repaid to him?—Yes.

19,536. When was that?—Two or three days afterwards down at Deal.

19,537. Was that by cheque?—Yes, 400l. upon the Deal bank.

19,538. That was upon the 15th, I think?—Yes, I believe so.

19,539. You gave Thomas that 400l.?—I repaid Horne really.

19,540. You repaid Horne through Thomas that 400l. by a cheque drawn upon the bank at Deal?—Yes.

19,541. But that was out of money which you received from Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes; but it is the same thing because it is all one account.

19,542. Although the money had been paid in to your account you repaid Horne out of Mr. Crompton Roberts' money?—That is my banking account that you have there.

19,543. Your banking account dealing with Mr. Crompton Roberts' money?—Partly, and partly my own.

19,544. (*Mr. Turner.*) Had you money at the Deal bank of your own?—Yes; I paid money into the Deal bank independently of Mr. Crompton Roberts.

19,545. (*Mr. Holl.*) At that time no money had been paid into the Deal bank distinct from Mr. Crompton Roberts' money?—No, there was none at the time, I did pay 500l. of my own money into the Deal bank; probably the last 500l. was my own money.

19,546. Would that be upon the 24th of May?—Yes. It is all my money in the sense in which I look at it. I, having had credit at Woolwich for 400l., drew on my Deal account in order to balance my credit at Woolwich. I never pretended to keep a separate account for the election.

19,547. This is money that you would be responsible to Mr. Crompton Roberts for?—Yes, whichever bank it was in. It was merely a debtor and creditor account between him and me and nothing more.

19,548. The cheque with which you repaid the money to Horne was a cheque drawn upon the account which had been opened at Deal?—Yes. He happened to be at Deal, or at all events it was wanted to be put along with the 1,000l. given to Olds.

19,549. Did Thomas cash the cheque at Deal?—Yes.

19,550. And hand it over to Horne?—Yes.

19,551. To add to the 1,000l. that had been sent over to Calais?—Yes.

19,552. How was it that the cheque for 600l. which you cashed, and which formed part of the money paid into the Bank of England was drawn payable to Mr. Hoare?—I treated it as a distinct transaction from the election altogether.

19,553. How do you mean a distinct transaction from the election?—With regard to those matters which I had to account for in reference to the election, the cheques were drawn in my name, and all that were not drawn in my name I treated as an extra.

19,554. You say it was money distinct from the election; in what sense do you mean?—In the sense that it might be possibly wanted for matters that were not strictly legal.

19,555. In fact, money that might be used for a purpose that could not be returned amongst election expenses?—Yes.

19,556. How was it that it was made payable to Mr. Hoare?—I do not know. I heard the explanation given by Mr. Crompton Roberts, but all I can say is I did not go to Mr. Hoare to ask whether it was right or not for me to cash it.

19,557. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Crompton Roberts about the cheque being made payable to

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Hoare?—No, I do not remember anything of the kind; I went straight to the bank at any rate.

19,558. Did he tell you at all whether it was drawn in that way—did he give you any instructions to go to Mr. Hoare before presenting it to the bank?—I never intended to go to Mr. Hoare myself. I only intended to send the letter.

19,559. As a matter of fact you did not go to Mr. Hoare?—No, I did not. I never saw Mr. Hoare in my life.

19,560. Was there any conversation between you and Mr. Crompton Roberts as to how the cheque should be drawn?—No, not that I know of.

19,561. (*Mr. Turner.*) Or how it was to be applied?—No.

19,562. (*Mr. Holl.*) As to how it should be drawn, was there or not any conversation between you?—I think not.

19,563. Was there any suggestion between you that it should be drawn in any way which would prevent its being easily traced in connexion with the election?—No.

19,564. Did you make no suggestion to him at all as how it should be drawn?—No.

19,565. (*Mr. Turner.*) Did Mr. Roberts know that it was going to be paid into the Bank of England on account of the five?—No, and he does not know to this day that any money was paid into the Bank of England.

19,566. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do I understand you to say that you have no knowledge whatever, and no idea why the cheque was drawn payable to Mr. Hoare?—No, I have not, except what Mr. Crompton Roberts states.

19,567. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did you ask Mr. Roberts why it was so drawn?—No, I did not.

19,568. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you say anything about it to him?—I merely asked him for so much money.

19,569. Did you make no comment, or did no conversation take place at all between you as to its being drawn payable to Hoare?—No, not in the least, and from my point of view it was just as well in that name as in any other. As long as it was not in my name I did not care in what name it was.

19,570. Are you sure that no suggestion was made by you that it was desirable that it should not be in your name?—No.

19,571. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Why were you anxious that it should not be in your name?—None of that money upon that day was for the legitimate purposes of the election.

19,572. And that was the reason why you did not wish the cheque to be in your name?—Yes.

19,573. (*Mr. Holl.*) I understand you to say that as regards the 600*l.* and the 1,400*l.* you wished it to be kept separate because it was being provided for a purpose that could not be disclosed?—Yes, but at the same time which I hoped would not be necessary.

19,574. Which at any rate was a purpose that could not be disclosed, or that it would be desirable to disclose?—Yes.

19,575. (*Mr. Turner.*) When did Mr. Roberts know that you had lodged this money in the name of the five people at the Bank of England?—He does not know it now so far as I know. I never told him.

19,576. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did Mr. Crompton Roberts know at this time that you were anxious that this cheque should be drawn in a manner that would prevent its being traced?—The candidate never heard from me about any money being appropriated for an improper purpose. He would be the last person to whom I should say anything because it would affect him with knowledge which would be dangerous, and it would be my duty to keep knowledge from him.

19,577. How came he to give you this cheque for 600*l.* I suppose you made a request?—I said that I wanted some money for the purposes of the election.

19,578. Is that all that passed?—Yes.

19,579. And he gave you a cheque for 600*l.*?—Yes; and why he gave it for 600*l.* any more than 500*l.*, or 700*l.*, I do not know. He gave me a cheque for 600*l.*, and I said that it would not be enough, and I suggested that he had better give me some sort of memorandum to his partner who would attend to it.

19,580. Why should he give you a memorandum to his partner instead of giving you a further cheque?—It was in the train that the conversation took place, and of course there was no convenience for writing a further

cheque in the train. He wrote the memorandum in the train.

19,581. You got out of the train together?—No, I was going on to London, and he was getting out at Sandwich, and it was at Sandwich that he gave me the pencilled note.

19,582. (*Mr. Turner.*) This is the same day that you had ascertained that Sir Julian Goldsmid's party were going to bribe?—Yes.

19,583. And a cheque was got to meet that?—So as to be prepared with funds later on if necessary. It was to have ammunition in store in case it was necessary to do anything.

19,584. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do I understand you to say that you have no idea whatever yourself why this cheque was drawn payable to Hoare?—No, I have not indeed.

19,585. You made no suggestion as to how it should be drawn in any way?—No, I certainly did not.

19,586. You have told us that you thought it desirable it should not be in your name?—It was just as well.

19,587. Did you tell Mr. Crompton Roberts that you thought it better it should not be in your name?—No.

19,588. When you asked him for a cheque, and you were anxious that it should not be in your name, did you not suggest it to him?—No, I never suggested it, and if that cheque for 600*l.* had been in my name it would have been included in the accounts, and it is a mere accident, so far as I know, that it was not.

19,589. You say yourself that you wanted it for a purpose that you did not want to include in the accounts?—You must bear in mind that the appropriation of that 600*l.* in the first instance was a proper appropriation because it went into the Bank of England.

19,590. You say the object of getting that money in the first instance was for the purpose of doing that which you did not want to disclose, and that being the object, would you not suggest to Mr. Crompton Roberts that it would be better that the cheque should not be drawn in your name?—I do not remember doing so, though it is possible, of course.

19,591. You were saying that you heard that bribery was going on, or was likely to be going on, upon the Thursday; did you tell Mr. Crompton Roberts that?—No, I did not.

19,592. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You talked with Mr. Crompton Roberts about the way in which the election was going on?—No, I very seldom had any conversation with him about it.

19,593. In going up in the train from Deal to Sandwich you had a conversation about it?—There were other people in the carriage, and we said very little.

19,594. You saw Mr. Crompton Roberts from time to time?—Very seldom; once in two days perhaps.

19,595. Still at those times you did see him?—That would be at a committee meeting, or public meeting.

19,596. Where was this cheque for 600*l.* actually given to you?—At his house where he was staying in Deal. We were alone then, no doubt, together.

19,597. He had given you a cheque two days before for 500*l.*?—Yes.

19,598. And this cheque for 600*l.* was given directly after Sir Julian Goldsmid appeared on the field?—Yes, certainly.

19,599. By that time you had made up your own mind. I suppose, that what you call the antidote would in all probability have to be administered?—No, I was in hopes that it would not be necessary, but it was done as a precaution. I thought it would be as well to have available funds, and place them as far off as possible, so that they could not be got at too early.

19,600. "Available funds" means available for the purpose of this antidote?—Yes, certainly, because I had enough for other purposes.

19,601. Did you communicate any part of those feelings to Mr. Crompton Roberts?—No, certainly not, and advisedly not.

19,602. You simply asked for more money, and did not tell him what it was for?—No.

19,603. He did not ask you what it was for, and you did not tell him what it was for?—No.

19,604. And he drew the cheque in the name of Mr. Hoare?—Yes.

19,605. Did you not suggest that that cheque should be drawn in the name of Mr. Hoare?—I do not think I did.

19,606. Then how came he to draw it in the name of Mr. Hoare?—I do not know. He knew I was going to London.

19,607. It was a cheque to bearer?—Yes. He has given his own reason for it. I do not dispute that reason; I neither confirm it nor deny it.

19,608. You were glad, or at any rate were willing, to take it in the name of Hoare, because it effected a convenient separation of the account?—Yes, certainly.

19,609. And of course, as you knew perfectly well, it would have the effect of making that cheque appear in the pass book as being a cheque to Mr. Hoare?—Yes, no doubt that is the effect of it.

19,610. And for that reason it was exactly what you wanted—that it should be drawn in the name of Hoare, or in any other name except yours?—As far as I was concerned, it would have been just as well to have had the written order upon the partner without any cheque at all.

19,611. So long as your name was kept out of it, and so long as your name did not appear in the pass book, that was all you cared about?—An order upon the partner for an unlimited amount was sufficient without the cheque.

19,612. For the moment I was upon the 600*l.* cheque; the reason why you liked to have it drawn in the name of Hoare was that you did not wish your name to appear in the pass-book?—I do not think I can say I felt it in that way at all, because if I had felt that it was necessary to have it in the name of Hoare, I should have asked him to do it.

19,613. But if he did it without your asking, that did as well as with your asking?—He did it without my asking, I think.

19,614. And you accepted it as a happy accident. With regard to the pencil note, when was that given to you?—In the train.

19,615. After the 600*l.* cheque?—Yes, within an hour of it.

19,616. How came you, between getting the 600*l.* and obtaining that memorandum, to think that you should want more money. Why did you not ask for an unlimited order at first?—I cannot tell you that.

19,617. Did you intend that the 600*l.* should go in illegitimate purposes, or contemplate that it might?—I contemplated its going to the Bank of England.

19,618. That was settled upon this journey?—No; that money remained at the Bank of England till after the election.

19,619. You contemplated, I suppose, that the 600*l.* should be part of the money that you spoke of just now?—Probably so, if necessary.

19,620. And the sum to be drawn by the unlimited order was to be within the same category?—Yes, certainly; but I think the destination of the 600*l.* was not so clearly for an illegitimate purpose. It was for the purpose of putting into the Bank of England, although its destination ultimately changed.

19,621. (*Mr. Turner.*) It was lodged in the names of five persons for an illegitimate purpose, I suppose?—I will explain the purpose at your pleasure.

19,622. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When you asked Mr. Crompton Roberts to give you that unlimited order, did you ask for it in that form or did you ask simply for money?—I said I was going to London; and of course to get away from an election, even for a day, was a very important step to take, and a thing I did not like doing. I knew it was not likely that I should go to London again till after the election was over, and I knew myself that if anything was to be done in regard to money it must be done then, and I said to Mr. Crompton Roberts, "You had better give me an order to get money from your partner, because what I have will not be enough."

19,623. And he took your advice?—Yes, the whole thing was done in five minutes.

19,624. It was upon your advice and request that he gave it to you?—Yes; he could not give me a cheque at that moment, as we were riding in the train, and he scribbled a note upon a piece of paper which he tore out of his pocket book, I think, and gave it to me.

19,625. (*Mr. Holl.*) I understand that at the time you got this 600*l.* you asked for it with the view of its being in hand to be applied to an illegitimate purpose, if necessary?—I do not say the 600*l.* was so much got for that purpose, but it was so applied ultimately.

19,626. I thought you said it was asked for for that purpose, because you said you wished it to be drawn in

some other name than your own?—I did not say that I requested it to be so drawn.

19,627. You said that you wished it so drawn, and as long as it was not in your own name, you did not mind?—If it had been drawn in my name, it would have gone into the account for the election.

19,628. I think you said your object was to have it for a purpose that it would not be desirable to disclose?—I had no object whatever in having it in any particular name.

19,629. You said that you applied for this money to have it in hand, in order that it might be distributed amongst the voters, if necessary?—Especially the 1,400*l.*

19,630. (*Mr. Turner.*) You put the two together just now?—Yes, it is right. 2,000*l.*

19,631. (*Mr. Holl.*) When you asked for the money, and got 600*l.* only, why did you not ask for a larger amount?—I cannot say.

19,632. You got the cheque at Mr. Crompton Roberts' house?—Yes.

19,633. And you knew the amount of it then?—Yes, I knew that the 600*l.* was going to the Bank of England.

19,634. Why did you not ask him then, if you thought more money would be required, to draw a cheque for a larger amount?—Something may have happened between his giving me the 600*l.* and the time I met him which induced me to ask for a further sum.

19,635. Can you give me any reason why you did not ask him for a further sum at the time you got the 600*l.*?—I may have seen some of these five who were going up to invest the money, because they were in the same train.

19,636. Why was this money invested in the name of the five?—As a guarantee fund that all accounts would be called up at the end of the election, because previous Conservatives had gone away and left a lot of bills unpaid. There were four names representing Deal, and one name representing Mr. Crompton Roberts.

19,637. You paid in 300*l.* of your own at the same time?—Yes, I paid in 900*l.* altogether.

19,638. What was done with the 900*l.*?—It has been drawn out since the petition.

19,639. Did that amount remain in the Bank of England undrawn up to that time?—Yes, it represented the difference between the 3,100*l.* that I expended and the 4,000*l.* that I received.

19,640. The 600*l.* that was paid into the Bank of England did not come out of the 4,000*l.* that you received at all?—No.

19,641. That 600*l.* paid into the Bank of England never came out of the 4,000*l.* at all?—No.

19,642. Then that 900*l.* does not represent the difference between the 3,100*l.* and 4,000*l.*?—Yes, it does; the 600*l.* which was paid into the Bank of England was subsequently used to add to Mr. Olds' money, although I did not draw it out of the Bank of England for that purpose. I spent 3,100*l.* upon the election, and owed 900*l.* to Mr. Roberts.

19,643. (*Mr. Turner.*) I thought 300*l.* was your own money?—Yes, of course it was; it was my own money as between me and Mr. Roberts.

19,644. (*Mr. Holl.*) If it was your own money I do not understand how you had to account for it to Mr. Roberts?—If it was my own money it would be available to pay the balance due to Mr. Roberts.

19,645. To whom has the 900*l.* been paid at all?—To the five gentlemen, and they paid it to me.

19,646. They have drawn it out of the Bank of England, and you have received it?—Yes, since the petition.

19,647. So that 900*l.* is, in point of fact, now in your hands?—Yes, less any payments I have made since.

19,648. To dispose of that, I may say that you got the 300*l.* back that you paid in, and you have in hand 600*l.* belonging to Mr. Crompton Roberts, subject to any payments you have made?—Yes, that clears that amount.

19,649. What was done with the 1,000*l.* that you sent over to Calais?—That reached Olds upon the Monday, I believe, before the polling day, with the 400*l.*

19,650. Do you know how it came back from Calais to Olds?—I have heard.

19,651. What have you heard?—That Olds went and fetched it.

19,652. Who told you that?—Horne.

19,653. Horne told you that Olds went over to Calais and fetched it?—Yes.

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19,654. Do you know anything about that of your own knowledge?—No, and I have been telling you a lot of things that I do not know of my own knowledge.

19,655. Do you know whether Olds was absent from Deal upon the Saturday or Sunday?—No; if he was absent at all he would be absent upon the Friday, and I believe Friday was the day it was fetched.

19,656. Horne has told you that Olds went over and fetched it?—This is the history of it, and some of this information has only been supplied to me within the last few days; the money went to this bank at Calais to be drawn out by Olds, and Olds went over upon the Friday before the election and drew it, partly in notes, and, in fact, nearly all in notes. Horne met Olds at Dover, and took those notes to London, in order to turn them into gold, and upon the Monday Horne came down with the 1,000*l.* and added to it the 400*l.*, so as to make the 1,400*l.* complete, and gave that upon the Monday to Olds.

19,657. That is the 400*l.* that you had repaid to Horne by a cheque to Thomas, drawn upon the 15th, upon the Deal account?—Yes.

19,658. The whole of that money was taken by Horne to Olds?—Yes, I believe upon the Monday. I am told so, though I knew nothing about it at the time, and I did not want to know anything about it.

19,659. In addition to that 1,400*l.*, was any other money paid to Olds?—1,100*l.*, that is to say, 600*l.* and 500*l.*

19,660. The 500*l.* that came down first was kept separate?—Yes, as separate as it could be.

19,661. It was never paid into any bank?—No. Olds would get that 1,100*l.* as the result of these cheques upon the Deal bank about the 18th May, 150*l.*, 175*l.*, 350*l.*, 65*l.*, 354*l.*

19,662. I see 150*l.* payable to Johnson. Then there is a cheque drawn, "Cash, 175*l.*," another cheque for 350*l.*, another cheque, payable to Fraser, for 65*l.*, and a cheque payable to "T. H., 354*l.*."?—Yes, that makes 1,094*l.*, as nearly as possible 1,100*l.*, paid to Olds.

19,663. These cheques were all drawn upon the Monday?—Yes.

19,664. And the proceeds paid to Olds?—Yes.

19,665. That is how the 1,100*l.* is made up?—Yes, clearly.

19,666. That, in point of fact, was made up of the 500*l.* drawn payable to Hoare upon the 5th, and 600*l.* drawn from the Deal bank in addition?—No, 600*l.* drawn payable to Hoare upon the 11th.

19,667. It all comes out of the Deal bank, but the Deal bank had been fed by cheques from Crompton Roberts?—Yes. I do not mean to say that the particular proceeds of those two cheques for 500*l.* and 600*l.* went to Olds, because there was gold besides taken down, and more or less of that was left, but I mean to say that those cheques amounting to 1,100*l.* were cashed, and out of that and money in hand Olds had 1,100*l.* The total sum that Olds had was 2,500*l.*

19,668. You say the 500*l.* drawn payable to Mr. Hoare upon the 5th, had been appropriated in making certain payments?—Yes, and replaced. Altogether Olds had 1,100*l.* out of those two cheques for 500*l.* and 600*l.*

19,669. Making altogether the amount that Olds had, 2,500*l.*?—Yes.

19,670. And that money was paid to Mr. Olds for the purpose of being distributed?—Yes, upon the Monday, for the purpose of counteracting the 2,000*l.* which Sir Julian Goldsmid distributed upon the Tuesday.

19,671. It was for the purpose of being distributed amongst the voters?—Yes, to pay it to those who had promised us, and whose names were upon the bringing up lists that had been prepared some time before.

19,672. I want an answer to my question; it was for the purpose of being distributed amongst the voters?—Amongst certain voters.

19,673. Amongst the voters at the election?—Amongst certain voters whose promises already had been given, and it was not for the purpose of influencing any new person at all. It was not for the purpose of getting votes, but for the purpose of paying those who had already promised us.

19,674. You are quite sure that Mr. Olds had the 1,100*l.*, in addition to the 1,400*l.*?—I am quite certain, in fact I think he had 50*l.* besides.

19,675. Do you know how the money was distributed?—850 voters at 3*l.* apiece; he really had 2,550*l.*

19,676. I see the first of the cheques paid to Mr. Olds,

out of the 1,100*l.* is a cheque payable to Johnson?—Yes, that is imagination. They had got a Johnson upon the other side, and I made the cheque payable to Johnson, in order that they might think that we had a Johnson upon our side, or that their Johnson had split and come upon our side.

19,677. It was a fictitious name?—Yes.

19,678. (*Mr. Jeune.*) It was a synonym for the man in the moon?—Yes.

19,679. (*Mr. Holl.*) Who got the cheque cashed?—My clerk, Thomas; all of it.

19,680. And paid over the proceeds to Olds?—Yes; I never paid Olds anything.

19,681. Then the next is "cash, 175*l.*"?—Yes, that is the same thing.

19,682. That was a cheque drawn to cash?—Yes, certainly.

19,683. Was that cashed by Thomas?—It would be cashed at the bank by Thomas, I should think.

19,684. Then the next is "ditto, 350*l.*"; would that also be cashed by Thomas?—Yes.

19,685. And the cheque payable to Fraser?—No, that may have been cashed by some other person.

19,686. It would be Thomas who would pay over the proceeds to Olds?—Yes.

19,687. Is Fraser a fictitious name?—No, it is somebody who cashed a cheque upon a Sunday, the bank being closed.

19,688. You gave somebody a cheque for 65*l.* in lieu of cash?—Yes, and there is a cheque in the name of Marley, in the same way.

19,689. Then there is a cheque to "T. H."?—That is a cheque cashed at Woolwich, and the gold was brought down in order to augment the stock.

19,690. All those cheques, so far as you believe, were cashed by Thomas and the proceeds paid to Olds?—No, they were not all cashed by Thomas, because the cheque for 354*l.* was cashed at Woolwich, and sent down to me.

19,691. That was a cheque for 354*l.* drawn upon the Deal bank?—Yes; that was after the election.

19,692. That cheque was drawn and sent up to London?—Yes, and gold brought down. It comes to the same thing; but, as a matter of fact, it was not cashed by Thomas.

19,693. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Who is "T. H."?—My son. That was a cheque that I mentioned, I think, at the time of the election petition.

19,694. It was sent up to your son?—Yes, and he got the cheque cashed and brought the money and gave it to Thomas. It came to Thomas at last.

19,695. And Thomas would pay it to Olds?—I do not say that Olds had the proceeds of those particular cheques; but I say that these cheques were the means by which 1,100*l.* was accumulated, which Olds had.

19,696. You mention another cheque drawn in the same way to Marley; what was he?—A tradesman, I think.

19,697. Where at?—At Walmer.

19,698. Was that 164*l.* 10*s.* obtained from him in cash?—Yes.

19,699. And a cheque given to him in exchange?—Yes.

19,700. Why was that obtained from Marley?—Because this 1,100*l.* was exhausting us, and therefore we had to have a balance in hand. Whit Monday was bank holiday, and the bank was shut up.

19,701. Was that drawn for any particular purpose?—No; merely for the purpose of augmenting the balance. There was no other money spent improperly, except the 2,550*l.*

19,702. How was that distributed?—It was given to Olds.

19,703. It was given by Olds to whom?—There were bringing up lists. There were 850 Conservative promises who would require upon the day to be brought up by the parties supposed to have the most influence over them. There were bringing-up lists, and that is to say, committee-men who had some lists to bring up, and those lists contained 850 names, and besides that, there would be voters who promised, and who were of the better class.

19,704. Who did not require paying?—Certainly not. These 850 did not require paying, but they were paid.

19,705. They were to be brought up; that was the object of the lists?—Yes. If no money had to be paid,

they would be brought up on those lists just the same.

19,706. You say there were other persons not upon the bringing-up lists, who were persons who could be relied upon to vote?—Yes, 550.

19,707. Those you could rely upon to vote, without being brought up?—Perfectly. There was no use sending any of our people after them, because they would either come or not, as they pleased.

19,708. Those people upon the bringing-up lists, were people who wanted looking up?—Yes; who had promised.

19,709. And you also thought it advisable to accompany the looking up by a *douceur*?—That was upon the day before the election.

19,710. You provided 2,500*l.*, to be distributed upon the Monday, which was paid to Olds?—Yes.

19,711. And I understand you to say, that was to be distributed at the rate of 3*l.* a head amongst 850 voters?—Yes.

19,712. Those were voters upon the bringing-up lists?—Yes.

19,713. It was intended that the persons who were upon the bringing-up lists should be looked up, and should receive a *douceur* of 3*l.*?—No. When it was determined upon having bringing-up lists, nothing of the sort was arranged.

19,714. I think I am quite right in what I am saying; the intention then was when this money was given to Olds, that persons named in the bringing-up lists should, in addition to being brought up, receive a *douceur* of 3*l.* each?—Yes, clearly. The object of working by that list was that no man should be paid twice, and that the whole thing should be definite and effectual.

19,715. (*Mr. Turner.*) A great many were paid twice?—Not by us. They were paid by both sides. This was an antidote, and therefore it must be that they were paid by both sides.

19,716. How many of these 850 do you suppose would have been brought up without money?—The whole of them, if the Liberals had not bribed.

19,717. I mean under the state of circumstances that existed?—If the Liberals had bribed these 850, and we had not, I should think a third of them would have broken their promise.

19,718. (*Mr. Holl.*) That is how it was intended that the money should be distributed?—Yes, that was considered as the best available means of distributing the money, without doing it wildly.

19,719. Who are the persons who had bringing-up lists?—I do not know.

19,720. Have you no copies of those lists?—No; but I have handed in a list of our committee, and from that I think I can tell you pretty nearly who they were.

19,721. I want a list of the bringing-up people?—This (*handing a paper*) is a list of the bringing-up people for Deal and Walmer.

19,722. Have you the same for Sandwich?—No, that was Mr. Cloke; and I left him alone.

19,723. Was any portion of this money spent at Sandwich?—Yes. Undoubtedly he sent some of his money to Sandwich; but everything was paid through Olds.

19,724. Are these all the names that you are aware of, of persons that had bringing-up lists?—Yes. Of course there may be some left out.

19,725. Can you remember any others?—No. That was a list made out for the purpose of the petition.

19,726. Have you any paper at all that would enable you to correct this, by adding to it any other names?—No; my memory is not so good as it was when I wrote that out.

19,727. You have no memorandum or paper that would assist you at all?—No. Here (*handing another paper*) is a list of the general committee. It is a list of what I may call now the special committee.

19,728. I understand you to say that these are the only persons you are aware of, out of the general committee, who had bringing-up lists?—Yes; who had any money.

19,729. Can you at all tell us what amounts each or any of these persons received?—No; I left that entirely to Olds. I had nothing to do with that.

19,730. How was this list made out?—From this list of the general committee.

19,731. How did you pick out the names from the general committee, of the persons who had what you term bringing-up lists?—Because at the time of the election, those men who had the bringing-up lists, were, of course, in a different category to the people who had not, and they had certain work to do upon the day.

19,732. How did you know that these were the persons?—Partly because those are the persons to whom I paid 6*l.* apiece, and the people not upon that list were persons not paid at all, or if paid, they were paid by day-work.

19,733. I thought there were 42 paid canvassers?—So there were; but all that are upon that list had bringing-up lists, and there may be a few others.

19,734. Can you give us any idea, from looking through the general committee, who the others might be?—I tried to do it at the time of the petition; and I am sure I cannot do it now.

19,735. Have you ever applied to Olds to assist you?—No; I understood that Olds had given you a list.

19,736. Yes, but Mr. Old's list does not make up the amount?—You cannot get beyond the 850 at 3*l.*, and I fancy that goes beyond Olds.

19,737. The lists given to us by Mr. Olds of persons who received money from him show in round numbers about 1,700*l.*?—Yes, you are about 850*l.* short.

19,738. There are 850*l.* more distributed than accounted for, or, I may say, that ought to have been distributed?—Although your inquiries have been very exhaustive you might naturally expect that you would not get the whole of it out; there would sure to be a margin that you would not trace; but I have given you the full extent—850 voters at 3*l.* apiece.

19,739. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Why do you put 850 voters?—Because that was the number upon the bringing-up lists. As the canvass progressed, and certain parties were able to say that certain men had promised them to vote, those bringing-up lists were gradually accumulated, till at last there were 850 upon the lists, and there were a lot of other people who had given promises to the committee; then upon the Monday it became necessary, in consequence of our people having been bought up upon the other side, to counteract the Liberal bribery, and it was perfectly obvious that the people most open to the Liberal money would be found amongst the 850 upon the bringing-up lists; and the result of paying the 850 was, instead of their being undermined and half going upon the other side—they were kept together.

19,740. Was the 2,500*l.* fixed by its being at the rate of 3*l.* a head?—Yes, and then it was suggested, that we should go beyond the 850, but I said "No more; all closed."

19,741. (*Mr. Holl.*) When did you arrive at the 850?—Monday night, and I never budged from it. I would not move an inch. In the first place it was sufficient, if anything could be sufficient, and there is no use in doing more than is sufficient; it is only wasting your money. If you put enough water on to put the fire out which the other side had lit, that was sufficient.

19,742. You had drawn this money out before the Monday night?—I had got it ready.

19,743. You had drawn the 2,500*l.* previously?—The 2,500*l.* was drawn in the way you have had described.

19,744. It had been provided by the Monday?—Yes, by Monday.

19,745. And part of it before the Monday?—Only the 354*l.* cheque that was sent up to London, and that was after the 1,500*l.* of Sir Julian Goldsmid had come down and we had felt the effect of it.

19,746. We know that the 1,500*l.* came down upon Friday afternoon, and it would be hardly possible that you should have felt the effect of it upon the Saturday. We have also evidence that none of it was distributed before the Monday?—I differ from that entirely.

19,747. We have sworn testimony to that effect?—I can prove that more than half of it was distributed in anticipation of the receipt of it.

19,748. Can you say when it was that the cheque for 354*l.* was drawn?—Upon the 14th.

19,749. So that you had made provision then to the extent of 354*l.* for money being sent down for this purpose in addition to the 1,400*l.*?—Not for that particular purpose, but to have enough in hand.

19,750. Why do you send a cheque up to London to get cashed and have the proceeds sent down in gold; was it to have money in hand to distribute amongst the voters?—Yes, if necessary.

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19,751. In addition to the 1,400*l.* that you had provided, you provided 354*l.* in gold for the purpose; as early as the 14th you had made provision for 354*l.* in addition to the 1,400*l.* being sent down in gold?—Yes; that 354*l.* was not necessarily for that particular purpose—it was merely to increase the balance in hand for general purposes.

19,752. What is the date of the cheque to Johnson, 150*l.*?—The 17th, upon the Monday.

19,753. And I suppose the second cheque for 175*l.* would be upon the Monday?—Yes.

19,754. I take it, all those cheques, except the one sent up to London, would be upon the Monday?—I dare say it is so. Although that was sent up upon the 14th it would not come down till the Sunday.

19,755. Can you give any information at all how the 850*l.* was distributed beyond the names that Mr. Olds has given us?—I think the list that I have given you includes the names of others than those given to you by Mr. Olds. I think you will find quite sufficient to account for the difference.

[Adjourned for a short time.]

19,756. I do not know whether you can now give us the names of those persons included in your list which are not in Mr. Olds' list?—I do not know Mr. Olds' list. You have had it in evidence that there were 41 or 42 paid canvassers, and the list which I have given you of the men who had bringing-up lists amounts to 29, so that there would be a deficiency of 12 or 13, and I remember now that when it came to be a question not only of bringing the voters up, but of distributing the 3*l.* to them, some of the bringing-up parties gave their lists to others, so that they would have two lists, and that would account for the reduction from the 42 down to 29, the 29 being probably engaged in paying.

19,757. Some of the 42, you mean, handed over their lists to others?—Yes, it was a consolidation of lists.

19,758. (Mr. F. J. J.) They did not like to have anything to do with the paying?—No, there was a sort of understanding, "as you want something more done than 'bringing up,' you had better take my list; as you propose 'to do this,' you had better take my list as well as your 'own.'" My impression is that that 29 includes all the people that distributed money, and it may include one or two that did not. I think that Olds did it honestly, and I do not think that he stuck to any.

19,759. Mr. F. J. J. Really I was below the mark when I said that he had only accounted for 1,754*l.*, because after that estimate had been given several other persons were called who received money from him not mentioned by him, but I do not think that at present it amounts to anything like 2,000*l.*, though it may come up to 2,000*l.*. I think it is very good to arrive at it so near as that upon an inquiry of this kind.

19,760. Mr. F. J. J. You think that Mr. Olds would know, or ought to know, what because of the rest?—No, I do not think he does know. I have given you 29 names, and if you take from those 29 the names of those given by Mr. Olds, I think if the residue were called as witnesses it would fairly account, if it be necessary to do it by the list, unaccounted for. My list of 29 strikes me as being in excess of Olds' list, and that I think will make the difference.

19,761. Besides the two 500*l.* that you have mentioned, which were paid to the Deal bank, and besides the 100*l.* payable to Mr. Hoare, and the 400*l.* payable to Mr. Hoare, and the 1,000*l.* which other canvassers did you receive?—Two separate 1,000*l.* and two separate 500*l.*

19,762. Exclusive of the 2,000*l.* you received 2,000*l.*?—Yes.

19,763. Out of that 2,000*l.* I see the returned expenses amount to 2,000*l.*?—Yes.

19,764. That amount was paid out of the 2,000*l.*?—Yes, certainly. "We took six hundred out of the first 2,000, and we required it."

19,765. So that that would come out of the 2,000*l.*?—Yes, certainly.

19,766. Is part of that, in addition to the 2,000*l.*, which is the sum of the returned expenses, out of the money which went to the bank and came out of the 2,000*l.*?—The 200*l.* that was paid to the Bank of England was not paid out until after the petition.

19,767. Not but a sum of money to that was taken from the Deal bank?—Yes.

19,768. Therefore that came out of the 2,000*l.*?—Yes, but that I made the other 200*l.* in the Bank of England belonging to the 2,000*l.*

19,769. Do you know when Mr. Crompton Roberts first learnt that the 1,400*l.* had been drawn in the way you have mentioned to us?—No.

19,770. Mr. Roberts stated the other day that he was surprised to hear you say upon the hearing of the petition that he had only furnished you with 4,000*l.* When did he first know that you had paid the 6,500*l.*?—He knew of everything except the 1,400*l.*; that is the only sum he might not know of.

19,771. The 500*l.* that he first made payable to Hoare you never had?—No, that was kept separate.

19,772. Mr. Roberts in reality having advanced you 6,500*l.* never inquired as to how the large proportion of it had been expended?—No, he never inquired during the election, and while the petition was on we never talked about it for obvious reasons; he did not want to know, and I did not want to tell. I did not want to affect him with knowledge about it, because it was my duty to protect my client as much as I could.

19,773. (Mr. Jenne.) One of the witnesses, a man called Smithers mentioned that he was offered money by a man named Tucker who put up at the "Seaport Arms; who was he?—A day canvasser.

19,774. A Deal man?—Yes, I know him quite well.

19,775. This Mr. Smithers, I forgot whether he came from Deal or Sandwich, said he did not know who Tucker was?—Tucker was a man paid by me, and I heard that he had been promising people that they should have some money for their votes, and he gave me the names of 32 whom he had promised, but I repudiated it, and I told Tucker that he had no authority to do anything of the kind, and from that time to the end of the election Tucker was not employed any more. He was not a man fit to negotiate a matter of that kind if it was wanted. Tucker had no bringing-up list, he was merely a day canvasser, and he got talking and saying there would be money, and raising a lot of expectation which was very foolish. People have come since the election and said that Tucker had promised them, and my answer has been, that Tucker had nothing to do with it.

19,776. Then we called before us a man who appears to be the only bill poster at Deal, a man of the name of Bent; you made an arrangement that you were to have half of the posting stations and the other party the other half?—Yes, I wanted the whole, and that is the difference between Bent and me. I wanted the whole, and Bent's answer to me was, that he would not let me have the whole, and I said as I was down first why should not I have the whole, and his reply was, "What are the other people to do," and I said, "That has nothing to do with me, as I was down first I must have the whole," but he would not let me have the whole, and in consequence of that I engaged extra public-houses for posting bills because I wanted to have a preponderance.

19,777. Afterwards you made an arrangement with him for the half?—Yes, I was obliged to put up with half because he would not let me have more.

19,778. I think that is what Bent says, that he was at Deal, and he had more than half. I suppose these public-houses were really used as bill stations?—Yes, all of them were used as bill stations, and they were damaged very considerably, not only by the paste he used on the blue paper which the James Goldsmith supporters were good enough to squirt against the face of the houses, smothering all our real bills, so that really after washing down a score at the front of the houses now I am satisfied that it was not an extravagant sum considering the use to which the houses were put.

19,779. Mr. F. J. J. That was a matter not to be anticipated when the 1*l.* was agreed upon?—Certainly I did not know anything about the blue paint till afterwards, and therefore that cannot affect the intention, if there was any intention, to affect the votes, which I repudiate upon my part as my case. They had bills on the wall of the Deal bank, saying, "Get your 'war paint ready,'" and I asked what it meant, whether they were going to dress themselves up as Ancient Britons, and I was a bit that it meant that they were going to squirt blue paint for the purpose of smothering our bills, and they supposed we should have to spend our money and the painters would like it immensely, and I said, "We will be better than that, we will go and show our faces inside the houses as well as on the wall." Then there was another matter by which I think a very pronounced we got a number of votes; the Liberal party secured poll cards requesting the voters to vote for the first name upon the list, and that happened to be

ours, because the double surname Crompton Roberts, beginning with a C., put us first upon the borough paper, whereas they had supposed we should appear as Roberts, and therefore come after "G." All of the voters could not read, and very likely did not take particular notice of the names, and therefore I have not the slightest doubt that some of them voted for us who intended to vote for the other side. They tried to put it right afterwards with a large black board pointing out the mistake, but I think it was too late, and that it cost them some votes.

19,780. You think the antidote may not have been successful in every case?—I have no doubt that they counteracted it as much as they could, but I do not think it did them any good.

19,781. With regard to out-voters, did you send a circular to them?—They were canvassed personally by parties in the place where they lived. We had a list of the agents, and communicated with the agents.

19,782. Did you authorise them to be paid their expenses in case they came to vote for you?—Yes, after the other side did, and after the Liberal circular, which stated, "It is only an illegal payment." I put the travelling expenses in my account as a separate item.

19,783. Mr. Crompton Roberts has given us his lists of personal expenditure, which you did not include in the returned account?—No, I never saw them, and I do not consider domestic expenses are intended to be included in the return.

19,784. Whether right or wrong that was your view of the law?—Clearly, and I take the same view now. If a man moves his house down to Deal, of course that is personal expenditure I cannot take into account. It would be making me housekeeper for the time his house was there.

19,785. That was the reason why you did not include it?—Yes. I did not know that he had spent anything. I understood that he was walking about without any money in his pocket, and indeed I did not see how he could spend anything.

19,786. There is a head of personal expenses in the returned accounts?—Yes, those were subscriptions paid on behalf of Mr. Crompton Roberts.

19,787. As regards the operation of the ballot, do you think it had at first any effect upon the poison and the antidote being administered?—No, I think not at all. I think it may prevent intimidation, but I do not think it prevents bribery. This is the first experience I have had of bribery at Sandwich, and I daresay it will be the last.

19,788. Do you think that the ballot does give complete secrecy?—If nobody wants you not to know anything about it it may be secret, but if anybody wants you to know anything about it you can ascertain how certain persons have voted.

19,789. Is that your experience?—I have never tried it, but I am satisfied there is a mode of doing it.

19,790. That strikes one certainly as rather curious?—It could be done in this way, though I do not say it is done. Supposing I have got 850 people that I want to vote for me, and all have got to be paid in order to be sure that they vote for my side, the first man gets his ballot paper in the morning and bring it up to the committee room, and the next man going to poll comes to the committee room first, and the paper that the man first brought out is given to that second voter and marked. He goes in and asks for his paper and goes to the box and does nothing except change the papers, that is to say, he deposits the one in the box which had been previously marked in the committee room and brings out his blank paper, and so on through all the 850.

19,791. In fact by the sacrifice of one vote you can tell how all the others have voted?—Yes.

19,792. (Mr. Holl.) That could only be done where the voter is a party to it?—If the voter has got to be paid he will be a party to anything that will enable him to obtain his money.

19,793. You do not mean as regards voters who vote properly that you can ascertain how they have voted?—No, I mean those who choose to divulge, as a means of proving that they are fulfilling their bribery contract.

19,794. (Mr. Jeune.) Apart from resorting to any means of that sort, do you think the ballot does prevent bribery?—No, certainly not, I think it rather increases it, because people get paid twice instead of once.

19,795. Of course there is the risk if you pay a man he will not vote for you. After all that is a risk you have to face?—Yes, that is a risk you have to face

certainly, and you would have to face it upon open voting too, if you paid the man before he voted.

19,796. Do you think that the risk that a man after he has been paid will play false has diminished appreciably under the ballot?—It does not seem like it, and it certainly did not seem like it down at Sandwich. I think it makes bribery worse, because people draw money from both sides instead of one. That has been the experience at Sandwich to a very considerable extent, and, I think, the smaller the constituency the more likely it is that bribery will exist, and the larger it is the less likely upon account of the expense. I do not think with a constituency of 10,000 there would be bribery, but anything below that, with proper organisation might be affected by it.

19,797. I suppose the large constituencies would be open to lavish expenditure of various kinds?—Yes, certainly, made up of the same elements exactly, that is to say, lavish employment of voters, colourable employment of voters, which is the most dangerous thing I know, because you can get over treating.

19,798. (Mr. Holl.) Even with regard to that in a large constituency it would be less likely to be resorted to?—No, I do not see why; it is divided into polling districts, and each polling district is worked upon the same principle as a small borough; it is a small borough, in fact, and with efficient organisation, I do not see how it can be prevented, except by prohibition, and I would prohibit it.

19,799. Of course if it be a big constituency, and is well divided, bribery is as possible as in a small one, except in regard to expense?—Yes, there is no other safety.

19,800. The expense over a large constituency of colourable employment would be so greatly increased as to render it less feasible, would it not?—It all depends. Some candidates do not care what it costs, whereas other candidates limit the amount. In this case there did not seem to be any limit either way. I was never tied down to anything. I should like the Commissioners to understand fully that although I have conducted 20 or 30 elections, this is the first time where there has been anything so unpleasant. The circumstances were quite exceptional.

19,801. I hope there are not many cases where it has been so bad as here?—The circumstances were quite exceptional.

19,802. (Mr. Jeune.) I see here is a letter of Mr. Usher's, dated the 27th of May; "I have not fixed the dinner yet, and I think it will be left until we see you. I am obliged by your vote as to the marked register. I should like to have the full information that is on your promise list. Please let me have cheque to settle up the outstanding account in the flag department, as I have had one or two calls upon the subject." What was that "full information" which is scored under?—As to removals for the purpose of registration.

19,803. It did not refer to the conduct of the election?—No.

19,804. (Mr. Holl.) Besides the 2,500*l.* you have mentioned, and the amounts mentioned in the return expenses, have you expended any money at all?—No, 6,500*l.* is the whole.

19,805. 6,500*l.* you received, that is 4,000*l.* and 2,500*l.*, have you received any other money at all?—No.

19,806. With regard to expenditure, have you spent any other moneys beyond those mentioned in the return expenses and the 2,500*l.*?—Yes, since the petition I have, out of the 900*l.* drawn from the Bank of England, expended further sums.

19,807. Not at the time of the election?—No; all that I spent, with the exception of 2,500*l.*, which I do not consider I spent, is included in the published accounts to a penny.

19,808. You have to account to Mr. Crompton Roberts for 900*l.*?—About 850*l.* There is not a balance owing to him of that amount, because it has been diminished by payments made since the petition.

19,809. What are those payments?—There is cash to myself, 10*l.*, with regard to the petition. Then, paid Bent 20*l.* 8*s.* expenses, press cards 3*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*, paid W. G. Thomas 4*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.*, Usher 30*l.*, trustees of the funds of the Bank of England 10*l.* each, post cards 10*s.*, paid Cloke balance due to him 95*l.* 15*s.*, cash per cheque 13 guineas; that is some private expenses of my own, and I think it was a hotel bill at the time of the petition. Then paid Hayman 150*l.*; Simmonds 5*l.* That is Simmonds' father, who lives at Deal, who said he canvassed and did a great deal for us, which I beg to doubt. Then Foster 16*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* That was a hotel bill for me

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or the clerk. Then Usher 25*l.* ; I had not settled up with Usher altogether.

19,810. That is over and above the 30*l.* ?—Yes, it was a further account which came in late. Then Olds 27*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* That is made up of sundries, cab hire, and a lot of little payments that I have not got in the account. Then Hooper 12*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, final settlement for odds and ends of various kinds. Then Foster 9*l.* 10*s.*

That would be at the "Royal Hotel," and possibly a cheque in change for cash. Then Olds 30*l.* That was money given for his own services. Wythes, making boards, 5*l.*, and Jordan, a man who made a plan of some proposed harbour at Deal, 5*l.* Then there is 47*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* upon an old account due to me, because you see I had not got 900*l.*, but 800*l.* odd. Altogether now I owe Mr. Crompton Roberts 347*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*

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WILLIAM HORNE sworn and examined.

19,811. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am in town now, in the city.

19,812. May I ask what you are?—I am assisting Mr. Hughes, the last witness.

19,813. Upon the 12th of May, did you go to a gentleman named Hoare?—Yes.

19,814. Who sent you to him?—Mr. Hughes.

19,815. What did Mr. Hoare say to you, or give you?—I gave Mr. Hoare a note, and he came out and gave me another note, which I took back to Mr. Hughes.

19,816. You gave Mr. Hoare a note from Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

19,817. And what did he give you?—He gave me a cheque for 1,400*l.*

19,818. What did you do with that?—I paid it into Glyn Mills' bank, 1,000*l.* to Mr. Olds' credit; at least, I paid 400*l.* to Mr. Hughes' credit, and 1,000*l.* to some bank over at Calais, but I forget the name.

19,819. You paid it to Olds' credit, at Glyn Mills'?—Yes.

19,820. To whose order was that 1,000*l.* to be paid?—Mr. Olds', as far as I can recollect.

19,821. After that, did you have any communication with Olds?—Yes, I received the money from Olds, at Dover; that is to say, the proceeds of the cheque that I had paid into the Calais bank.

19,822. Where had Olds been when you met him at Dover?—He had been over to Calais to get this money from Calais, to bring back to Dover, and I met him there by appointment.

19,823. What did he do with the money?—He gave it to me.

19,824. Had you a letter from Olds asking you to meet him at Dover?—No.

19,825. Was it a telegram, or what?—I forget now. I know I was employed as a trustworthy agent in the matter, to get the money.

19,826. When you paid the 1,000*l.* to the account of this bank in Calais to the order of Olds at Glyn's, did you communicate with Olds?—No.

19,827. How did he know of it?—I suppose he knew of it from Mr. Hughes.

19,828. Did you tell Mr. Hughes that you had paid it into the order of Olds, at the bank in Calais?—Yes, Mr. Hughes knew about it.

19,829. You cannot say how you came to meet Mr. Olds at Dover; there must have been some appointment for you to meet him there upon the 14th?—I think it was by letter I received from Deal.

19,830. From whom?—From Mr. Hughes; but I will not be quite certain upon the point.

19,831. You must have had some notice that Mr. Olds was going over?—Yes, I think it was from Mr. Hughes that I received a notification to meet Mr. Olds at Dover.

19,832. Have you got the letter?—No.

19,833. Do you know what has become of it?—No, I have not the slightest idea.

19,834. What day was it that you met Mr. Olds at Dover?—I think it was upon the Friday.

19,835. The Friday before the election?—Yes; I met him there, and he gave me the money that he had got from Calais.

19,836. How did he give it to you?—In Bank of England notes and a cheque.

19,837. Can you give me the amounts?—He gave me 700*l.* in notes, and a cheque for 281*l.*, making 981*l.*; 15*l.* he retained himself, and there was 4*l.* for commission; that is to say, exchange.

19,838. Why did he retain the 15*l.*; did he state why?—No, he did not; he said he would account for it.

19,839. Olds having given you this money, 700*l.* in notes, and 281*l.* in a cheque, what did you do?—I came to the city, to change it for gold.

19,840. The same day?—Yes, the same day; but I did not change it till the next day, Saturday.

19,841. Did you change the 700*l.* notes and the cheque all into gold?—Yes.

19,842. Then what did you do?—Took it to Mr. Olds' house.

19,843. When?—I think either upon the Saturday or the Monday, but I am not quite certain upon that point. In my evidence that you have I think I have given Monday, but I am not sure.

19,844. Try and press your memory?—I cannot recollect.

19,845. Upon Friday you go to Dover, and you did not get the notes changed till Saturday; did you go down upon the same day to Deal as you got the notes changed?—That is a question that I really cannot answer. I cannot say whether it was upon the Saturday or the Monday that I took the money down.

19,846. At what time of the day did you arrive at Mr. Olds' house?—Not till late in the evening.

19,847. What passed between you and Olds?—Directly I went to his house I was shown into a room, Mr. Olds was not there at the time, and they said he was out; I was shown into a room, and it certainly was very dark, and I sat with my back to the window. I suppose I waited half an hour, and then Olds came in. I told him I had brought some money down for him, the proceeds of the notes and cheque which he had given me the day before.

19,848. And which he fully expected?—Yes.

19,849. Why do you make a point of saying that you sat with your back to the window?—In Olds' evidence he states that I was dark, and, probably, it being a very dark room, he may have mistaken me for a dark person.

19,850. Having seen you a day or two before, and expecting your visit, he thought you a stranger; do you believe that?—Well, I cannot quite believe that.

19,851. Was it in reference to that, that you put in your statement that you sat with your back to the window?—I did sit with my back to the window.

19,852. When did you first hear that Mr. Olds had said he did not know who you were?—I read it in the papers the day after he gave his evidence.

19,853. And then it occurred to you that your sitting with your back to the window might account for it?—Yes; it came to my recollection.

19,854. Having given him the bag containing these sovereigns, what did you do?—I left him, and came up by train to town again. I think I came up to town the same evening, but I will not be quite certain of that.

19,855. Whether you did or not, have you had anything more to do with the matter?—No.

19,856. Or with the election?—I was down there the day of the election, that is all.

19,857. You did not distribute any money?—No; I was merely employed as a confidential agent to carry the money down, that was all.

19,858. (*Mr. Holl.*) When did you receive the cheque for 1,400*l.*?—It was either upon the Wednesday or Thursday that I went down to Stamford Street, Mr. Hoare's place.

19,859. Did you have that memorandum in pencil?—No; I had a note, and the note was, I believe, from Mr. Crompton Roberts to Mr. Hughes.

19,860. Was it written in pencil?—No, enclosed in an envelope; and I had no idea what was contained in the envelope till I got to Mr. Hoare's place.

19,861. Was it a note written in ink, or what?—It was a sealed envelope.

19,862. How was it written?—It was addressed to Mr. Hoare.

19,863. In pencil or ink?—In ink, so far as my recollection serves me.

19,864. Try and remember?—I know it was enclosed in an envelope, because I took a cab and went down with it.

19,865. Where did you receive it?—From Mr. Hughes in town.

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19,866. How did it come to you?—Mr. Hughes gave it to me.

19,867. You say it was in an envelope?—Yes.

19,868. Are you sure of that?—Yes, quite certain.

19,869. And sealed?—Yes, and sealed.

19,870. You do not mean sealed with wax?—No.

19,871. It was in an envelope fastened down in the ordinary way?—Yes.

19,872. Try and remember whether it was written in pencil or in ink upon the envelope?—As far as I can recollect it was written in ink.

19,873. In whose handwriting?—Really I cannot say whether it was Mr. Hughes' handwriting or Mr. Crompton Roberts'. I did not pay particular attention at the time.

19,874. Cannot you remember whether it was Mr. Hughes' handwriting, or not?—No; I cannot say which it was.

19,875. You do not know?—No.

19,876. Did you see the paper that was inside it?—No.

19,877. You went to Mr. Hoare with this envelope?—Yes.

19,878. Did you ask to see Mr. Hoare?—Yes, and I saw him.

19,879. And handed the envelope to him?—Yes.

19,880. You did not see what was inside it?—No.

19,881. In return he gave you, what?—He gave me another note, sealed, and inside it was this cheque for 1,400l.

19,882. I should like you to try and recollect whether this envelope was directed by Mr. Hughes?—I cannot recollect. I never thought there would be any question about it, or anything of the kind.

19,883. You got a note from Mr. Hoare enclosing a cheque?—Yes.

19,884. And you took that to the bank?—Yes; Glyn, Mills' bank in Lombard Street.

19,885. And you got 1,400l.?—Yes. 1,000l. I paid into the bank at Calais, and 400l. I paid in to Mr. Hughes' credit.

19,886. How did you get the 1,400l. from the bank; did you direct them to make the 1,000l. payable to Olds at this bank at Calais?—Yes.

19,887. And 400l. you paid into Mr. Hughes' account?—Yes.

19,888. Where were you when you got the letter from Mr. Hughes telling you to meet Olds at Dover?—I was in London.

19,889. Had you been down before that at all to Deal?—No.

19,890. You had never seen Olds up to that time?—No, never; and I did not know who he was at all.

19,891. You got this note telling you to meet him at Dover?—Yes.

19,892. Where did you meet him?—At the "Lord Warden" Hotel.

19,893. Was that where you were directed to meet him?—Yes.

19,894. How did you know him?—I did not know him at all. The appointment was for the "Lord Warden" Hotel, and he came up and asked me if I had come from London. I said I had, and he said, "From Mr. Hughes," and I said, "Yes."

19,895. He said, "Do you know Mr. Hughes," or something of that kind, and you said yes, and then he gave you the notes and the cheque?—Yes.

19,896. And you went up to London that night?—Yes, the same evening.

19,897. You cashed the cheque at what bank?—I cannot say now, it was the bank upon which the cheque was drawn for 281l.

19,898. You changed the notes into gold?—Yes, at the Bank of England.

19,899. At what time of day did you do that?—I think it was between 11 and 12 upon the Saturday morning.

19,900. Cannot you recollect whether you took the money down to Deal that same evening, or whether you took it anywhere in London; surely you must remember where you took it to. You either took it down to Deal that evening, or kept it somewhere in London?—I was just thinking whether I changed the notes that day, or upon the Monday. I really cannot recollect.

19,901. Cannot you remember coming back from Dover with these notes and cheque, whether you changed

them the next day, or whether you kept them?—I think I changed them the next day for gold.

19,902. Surely you would remember whether you changed them, or kept them over the Saturday and Sunday?—If you have the cheque there would be an endorsement upon it.

19,903. (Mr. Jeune.) Who was the cheque drawn by, and to whom?—I do not remember at all.

19,904. (Mr. Holl.) Surely you must remember whether you kept those notes and the cheque all Saturday and Sunday, or whether you changed them upon the Saturday or the Monday. Where did you go to stay in London?—I went down to my house at Woolwich.

19,905. Try and think; you did change the notes upon the Saturday?—I think it must have been upon the Saturday that I changed them.

19,906. Had you any reason for keeping them till the Monday, do you remember?—No.

19,907. What were your directions to do with the money, when you met Mr. Olds and received it?—To change it into gold.

19,908. And do what?—To take it back to him at his house.

19,909. Had you any instructions not to bring it down till Monday?—No, I had no instructions about that. It was left entirely to me to take it down either upon the Saturday or the Monday; and whether it was Saturday or Monday, I really cannot say at the present time.

19,910. Can you remember whether you changed the notes and the cheque on the Saturday or the Monday? Did you change them the day after you came up from Dover, or did you wait a day or two, and keep them?—No; I think it was the day after I received the notes from Olds that I changed them, but I am undecided about the day I went down.

19,911. You are certain that you went to Dover upon the Friday, and came up upon the evening of that day?—Yes, upon the Friday.

19,912. And are you sure that you changed the notes into gold the next day?—Yes.

19,913. Surely you can remember whether you took down the notes to Deal that evening, or whether you kept them in London, and if so, where. Did you take the gold down to Woolwich?—No, I did not take it to Woolwich.

19,914. Have you any house in London?—No, I have no house in London.

19,915. Where would you take it to in London, if you did not take it down to Deal?—I think I must have taken it down upon the Saturday.

19,916. Did you stay in London before you went down to Deal, and if so, where?—I went and dined, I think, before I went down.

19,917. Did you stay Saturday night in London?—I came up again, I think, upon the Saturday evening to London.

19,918. From Deal?—Yes.

19,919. Try and think again whether you are sure, or not, that you went down to Deal upon the Saturday. You say you changed the notes upon the Saturday morning; did you go down to Deal the same day that you changed the notes into gold, or not?—I do not know whether I went upon that day or not; but I think I must have gone down to Deal upon the Saturday.

19,920. Cannot you remember whether you took the gold down that evening to Deal, or whether you kept it in London, or whether you took it to Woolwich?—As far as my memory serves me, I think I must have taken it down upon the Saturday to Deal.

19,921. Can you remember taking the gold anywhere else to keep it?—No; I have not the slightest recollection of anything beyond taking it down.

19,922. One would think having the responsibility of 1,000l. in gold, you would remember whether you took it straight down to Deal, or whether you kept it somewhere in London, or whether you took it to Woolwich for a day or two?—I know I took the notes to Woolwich myself upon the Friday evening, for security.

19,923. And you brought them up the next morning, and changed them into gold?—Yes.

19,924. Did you take the gold to Woolwich?—No; I think I must have taken it down to Deal upon the Saturday.

19,925. Did you keep the gold for a day or two anywhere in London?—No, not to my recollection.

19,926. You think you must have taken it down to

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Deal upon the same day that you changed it?—Yes, I think so.

19,927. Can you remember keeping it anywhere else for a day or two?—No, I do not remember it. I think I must have gone to Deal the same day; but I am rather fogged upon that question.

19,928. Have you any recollection of taking the gold anywhere else?—No, I have not.

19,929. If you did not go to Deal the same day, where could you have taken the gold to?—I think I must have taken it down upon the Saturday, now it comes to my recollection, because I would not take that sum of money down to Woolwich.

19,930. At Deal you delivered the money over to Olds?—Yes.

19,931. Did Olds speak to you there?—Of course he had seen me the day before.

19,932. (*Mr. Turner.*) Then he would have known you?—Yes, I should imagine he would know me; but if you can understand, when I came in the blind was nearly down.

19,933. (*Mr. Holl.*) Had you at all disguised yourself?—No, I had no motive for doing that.

19,934. (*Mr. Turner.*) When Olds came in, what did he say to you?—He said, "Oh, have you brought the money down," and I said, "Yes."

19,935. He must have known who you were?—Yes, I presume by that he must have known who I was.

19,936. And you left the money with him?—Yes.

19,937. Did you have anything more to do with it at all?—No.

19,938. Did you go back to London that night?—Yes, I think I went back to London the same evening; but I am not sure that I did not stop in Deal.

19,939. Have you taken any more money down at all, besides that?—No.

19,940. That was 1,400l.?—Yes.

19,941. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—I have removed from Woolwich to Lewisham.

19,942. What is your address now?—Limes Villa, High Street, Lewisham.

19,943. At this time you lived at Woolwich?—Yes.

19,944. Have you known Mr. Hughes for some time?—I have known Mr. Hughes for the last 40 years, I think.

19,945. What was your occupation? What were you doing at that time?—I was doing nothing at that time.

19,946. What was the first thing you heard about this matter; or what was the first thing you had anything to do with this matter?—In reference to Deal?

19,947. Yes, or in reference to the money, or anything in connexion with this election?—I met Mr. Hughes one morning in London.

19,948. Had you heard from him?—No, I had not heard from him.

19,949. Do you mean that you met him casually?—Yes, I met him casually.

19,950. Not by appointment?—No, not at all.

19,951. Where did you meet him?—I think it was at Glyn Mill's bank.

19,952. How came you to be there?—I think it must have been by appointment I met him there.

19,953. Try and think; how was it; did you get a letter from Mr. Hughes, telling you to meet him?—I cannot call it to mind.

19,954. Come, it was the first thing connected with the whole matter. You could not have gone to Glyn Mills' by accident?—No, I did not. I must have gone by appointment; but whether it was by letter, or a verbal communication, I do not know.

19,955. Try and think, because you must recollect: it is the first thing that happened?—I really do not, and if I could I would tell you willingly and gladly. I have not the least idea now how it was I came to meet him there.

19,956. You met him at Glyn's bank?—Yes.

19,957. What passed?—He said, "Take this note down to Mr. Hoare's and he will give you something in return for it."

19,958. Is that all?—Yes.

19,959. It was a sealed note?—Yes.

19,960. And he told you nothing more?—No.

19,961. Those were all the directions you had?—Yes.

19,962. You went down and saw Mr. Hoare?—Yes.

19,963. You gave him the note and what did he do?—He took it into his private room and came back and handed me another note.

19,964. Sealed or unsealed?—He said, "I presume you know what is inside," and I said, "No, I do not."

19,965. And you did not know as a fact?—No, I did not know till I got back.

19,966. Were you told that you were to get money from Mr. Hoare?—That I cannot recollect. I know that Mr. Hughes told me to take very great care of the note, but what was inside I did not know at the time, and then after that I met Mr. Hughes at the bank.

19,967. First of all, you got this note from Mr. Hoare, which was a letter containing a cheque, and you went back with it to Glyn's bank?—Yes, I saw Mr. Hughes there; he was waiting for me to know whether I had got the money.

19,968. Then what did you do, you and Mr. Hughes?—I paid 1,000l. to the credit of Olds at the bank at Calais.

19,969. Who gave you the name of that bank?—Mr. Hughes.

19,970. You and Mr. Hughes were there together?—Yes.

19,971. That is how you came to pay the 1,000l. to the credit of that bank?—Yes.

19,972. And I suppose Mr. Hughes told you to pay the other 400l. to his credit?—I do not know whether I had not had instructions beforehand to pay 1,000l. to the credit of Mr. Olds at the bank in Calais, and 400l. to Mr. Hughes' credit.

19,973. Where did you have those instructions?—I do not know.

19,974. When could you have had those instructions? You say you went to Mr. Hoare and you did not know what you were going to get, so you could not have had the instructions then?—No.

19,975. When did you get the instructions?—I cannot call to mind at all.

19,976. Could it have been at any time except when you met Mr. Hughes the second time at Glyn's bank?—No, I do not think it could have been.

19,977. Have you any doubt that Mr. Hughes gave you the name of the Calais bank?—No.

19,978. It was Mr. Hughes and nobody else?—Quite so.

19,979. Who told you to go to Dover to meet Mr. Olds?—I think I had a letter from Mr. Hughes, but I will not be quite certain.

19,980. Can you think of anybody else from whom you could have got that letter except Mr. Hughes?—No.

19,981. Therefore, in all human probability, it was Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

19,982. You had never seen Mr. Olds before?—No.

19,983. You had never been at Deal before?—No, I had never been at Deal before.

19,984. You went down to the "Lord Warden," and there you saw Olds, or some man?—Yes, some man.

19,985. And he said to you something about your connexion with Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

19,986. What conversation was there between you then?—I asked him whether he had got the money, and he said he had, and we went to a house—some hotel—I do not know which it was, and he there handed me the money in a roll of notes and a cheque.

19,987. How long were you with Olds at Dover?—I do not suppose more than perhaps half an hour, or it may be three-quarters of an hour.

19,988. You say you went to a house and got the money?—Yes, but I do not know the house.

19,989. You had something to drink, I suppose?—No, I think not.

19,990. Not with Olds?—No, I think not.

19,991. By whom was that cheque drawn, and upon whom?—I do not know. I have no idea at the present time to whom the cheque was made payable.

19,992. The cheque was open and not in an envelope?—No, I think not.

19,993. What sort of looking thing was it—was it a French cheque or an English cheque?—As far as I recollect, it was an ordinary cheque payable from the Calais house, to make up the difference of this money.

19,994. Was it drawn by Bellairs et Fils?—I do not know.

19,995. To whom was it drawn? Was it an open cheque to bearer?—I have no idea.

19,996. Do you not remember?—No, not at all.

19,997. You do not often walk about with cheques for this amount in your pocket. Cannot you remember what sort of cheque it was?—No, I have not the slightest idea; but if it had been anything extraordinary from an ordinary English cheque I should have noticed, I think.

19,998. Was it drawn upon the Bank of England?—Yes, it must have been drawn upon the Bank of England, or how could I have cashed it.

19,999. It was drawn upon the Bank of England, you think?—Yes.

20,000. You got the cheque, beyond all question, cashed at the Bank of England?—No, I do not know what bank it was made payable to.

20,001. Cannot you remember to what bank you went and got it cashed?—No, I have not the slightest idea at present.

20,002. It is not so very long ago, and one cannot mistake the Bank of England for any other bank; you must remember, surely, where you went and got the cheque cashed?—No, I have not the slightest idea.

20,003. The cheque was for 281*l*.?—Yes.

20,004. You know the amount of the cheque?—Yes.

20,005. If you recollect the amount of the cheque, surely you can recollect where you got it cashed?—No, I have not the slightest idea at the present time; it may have been the Bank of England or elsewhere.

20,006. Of course it may have been any bank, and there are numerous banks in London. What sort of a place did you go to for the cash?—I assure you I really do not know at the present time what bank I went to for it. If I got the gold from the bank of England I presume I must have got the cheque cashed there.

20,007. Did you get the gold from the Bank of England?—Yes.

20,008. Are you sure?—Yes.

20,009. Cannot you remember whether you got the cheque cashed at the same place or not?—No, I really cannot.

20,010. Cannot you recollect whether you went to any other bank that morning besides the Bank of England?—No, I cannot.

20,011. It may have been a cheque upon the Bank of England, but it is extremely unlikely, because there are not many people who keep private accounts there. It was an ordinary cheque, you say?—Yes, so far as I can recollect.

20,012. Are you quite sure it was cashed at any bank at all; was it not drawn upon an English correspondent, or something of that sort?—No, I cannot remember what bank it was drawn upon.

20,013. Surely you must remember where you went to get it cashed. You came up from Dover with the cheque and got gold for it; surely you must remember upon what bank it was drawn?—I have not the slightest idea at the present moment.

20,014. You went down with this gold to Olds?—Yes.

20,015. Olds recognised you, of course, as the same person he had seen before?—Yes.

20,016. Did you tell Olds your name at any time?—No, I did not to my knowledge.

20,017. Might you have?—I might have done so.

20,018. He knew perfectly well that you were connected with Mr. Hughes, in the way you have told us?—Yes, quite so.

EDWIN HUGHES recalled, and further examined.

20,042. (*Mr. Jeune.*) I daresay you directed this 1,000*l*. to be placed to the credit of Mr. Olds at the bank of Bellairs et Fils?—No, I knew nothing about Bellairs; it was Glyns' that suggested Bellairs.

20,043. It was to be drawn on Bellairs by Olds' cheque?—Yes.

20,044. You wrote to Olds and told him?—I did not, but another party did; it was the same thing. He had a letter to say there was money there to his credit. He had a letter from Paris to say that the money was there to his credit.

20,045. Did you tell Mr. Horne that he was to meet Mr. Olds at Dover?—Yes, I wrote to him. Mr. Horne is mistaken about meeting me first at Glyns'; that memorandum which Mr. Crompton Roberts wrote to his partner in pencil I put in an envelope, which I addressed at the Cannon Street Hotel, having previously telegraphed to Mr. Horne to meet me there. I did not meet him at Glyns'.

20,019. Did you ever go down to Deal again?—Since that time?

20,020. Yes?—I was not upon the petition.

20,021. When did you go down?—I was there the polling day.

20,022. What were you doing down there?—I was looking after the carriages; I had the carriages under my charge.

20,023. Did you canvass any voters?—At Deal?

20,024. Yes?—No.

20,025. You brought them up to the poll, I suppose, having the carriages under your charge?—No, I had nothing to do with them; I merely took an account of the number of carriages.

20,026. You checked them off and saw how many there were?—Yes; but if you were to ask me how many there were I could not tell you now.

20,027. There were a goodish few, were there not?—I think about 17 or 18.

20,028. And I supposed you talked to Mr. Olds about the carriages he was supplying, and all that?—No, I merely acted as a check against him.

20,029. Did you see Mr. Olds about?—Yes, I saw him about during the time of the election.

20,030. Did you speak to him; I suppose you said "Good morning"?—Yes, very likely I said "Good morning," or "good evening."

20,031. And he said "Good morning" to you?—Probably.

20,032. Is that the only time you have been at Deal?—Yes, that is the first time I have been to Deal, and I do not think I shall trouble Deal again; I did not like it.

20,033. Have you been at Deal since the polling day?—No.

20,034. Or Walmer?—No.

20,035. Or Sandwich?—No. I came up on the morning after the election, and I have not been since.

20,036. (*Mr. Holl.*) Have you any recollection whether you saw or spoke to Olds upon the polling day or not?—I really cannot recollect. I may have done so.

20,037. (*Mr. Jeune.*) If you recollect at what bank you got the cheque cashed, we should be obliged if you would tell us?—I shall be very glad to tell you.

20,038. I think you ought to remember?—I really cannot.

(*Mr. E. Hughes.*) I do not know whether I may interpose, but I would suggest whether it might not be Glyns', because they are people dealing with circular notes, and things of that kind.

(*The witness.*) I have not the slightest idea.

20,039. (*Mr. Holl.*) You brought back a cheque for 1,400*l*., and the person to whom you took the cheque instructed you to pay 1,000*l*. of it to the credit of Olds, at this bank in Calais?—Yes, the money was remitted from Glyns' to the Calais bank.

20,040-1. Was the cheque upon Glyns' for 1,400*l*.?—Yes.

(*Mr. E. Hughes.*) The cheque was a cheque upon Mr. Hoare's bank, the London Joint Stock, and that would be paid in and divided at Glyns', and not cashed at all. That is to say, out of this 1,400*l*. they would put 1,000*l*. to the credit of Olds at the bank in Calais, and 400*l*. to the credit of Mr. Hughes.

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20,046. You wrote a note, and sent it to Mr. Hoare?—Yes. I suggested the amount, 1,400*l*.; there was no amount mentioned in Mr. Crompton Roberts' note.

20,047. (*Mr. Holl.*) You enclosed the order together with a note from yourself to Mr. Hoare?—Yes.

20,048. It was Glyns' that suggested Bellairs?—Yes; nobody knew anything about Bellairs. Glyns' are Bellairs' correspondents.

20,049. You wrote to someone in Paris?—Yes, I wrote to my agent at Paris, and told him to write to Mr. Olds, to say there was 1,000*l*. to his credit, and one great object in sending it there was that he should not have it too soon. I am quite sure it was on Monday that Mr. Horne went down. I wrote to him something about cashing the 350*l*. cheque, and I am quite satisfied that Mr. Horne did not come down till the Monday, otherwise I should have had him dancing about Deal with that money. Whatever day Mr. Horne came down, Mr. Olds did not have the money till the Monday.

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20,050. (*Mr. Holl.*) We have Mr. Horne's testimony as regards that?—Yes, he ought to know better than I do. It would have frustrated everything if the money had been had upon the Saturday. Our object was to get the last coat of paint, so it is impossible to have been upon the Saturday.

20,051. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did Olds go alone to Calais?—I believe so.

20,052. How did they identify him?—By signature, which signature I obtained upon a separate piece of paper, and which was sent through Glyns' to Bellairs.

20,053. Olds, when he gave you the signature, knew

for what purpose it was given?—I do not know about that; I did not tell him much about money, because I knew it would be talked about. If he knew he was going to have 1,000*l.* it would have been talked about, and instead of 1,000*l.* being enough we should have wanted 10,000*l.* What I said was this:—"Olds, I want your name upon this envelope," and he gave me his signature, and I sent it up to Glyns', and after that Olds drew a cheque, and they identified the signature, and Olds got the money. I did not let any of them know till as late as possible that any money was coming at all from us.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at 11.30.

TWENTIETH DAY.

Wednesday, 10th November 1880.

*Lord
Brabourne.*

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LORD BRABOURNE SWORN AND EXAMINED.

20,054. (*Mr. Holl.*) You were a candidate with Mr. Brassey for the borough of Sandwich at the election in April, 1880?—Yes.

20,055. You were returned together with him without any contest?—Yes, without any contest. I should like to make one remark upon that, because it has been stated, I observe, in evidence, that the Conservative party did not get a candidate because they could not find anybody prepared to spend 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.* I am bound to say that I think the Commissioners ought to know that there are other circumstances besides that which weighed materially with the constituency; it so happened that I had been instrumental mainly in obtaining for the constituency a railway from Dover to Deal, which was received with a great deal of favour by men of both sides, and, that added to my long connexion with the borough, gave me a very strong hold, and Mr. Brassey having a strong hold from his personal qualities, and from the great respect generally entertained for him, I was told by several of the leading Conservatives in Deal, so determined were they not to have a contest, and to pay us the compliment of an unopposed return, that about one hundred were prepared, if a Conservative had come down, to sign a round robin asking him to go away again, and to declare that if he would not they would vote for the sitting members as a mark of personal respect. I think that perhaps had something to do with there being no contest.

20,056. I think those (*handing two papers to the witness*) are the returns of the expenses, one for Deal and Walmer, and the other for Sandwich?—Yes.

20,057. The one is a return of the election expenses in April, 1880, for Deal and Walmer?—Yes, I believe that is right.

20,058. And the other is for Sandwich?—Yes.

20,059. Do those amounts which are there returned as having been expended at that election represent the whole of the money that was expended in connexion with that election?—As far as I know they do, but I think I ought to be perfectly candid with the Commissioners; the truth of the matter is, by private arrangement between Mr. Brassey and myself, all these things went through Mr. Brassey's hands, and I was not called upon for anything at this uncontested election.

20,060. As far as you are aware, do those returns represent the whole of the expenditure at that election?—I believe they do; I am perfectly unaware of anything beyond.

20,061. Are you aware of any money being spent in connexion with that election directly or indirectly beyond the amounts that are there mentioned?—No, not a farthing. We were a very short time indeed in the borough.

20,062. You are aware of no other money being spent by yourself, or by anybody else on behalf of yourself, or by Mr. Brassey on his behalf?—No, I have not the slightest reason to suppose that there was anything improper or illegal in the election; we were a very little

time in the borough, and we were advised that, as there was to be no contest, our appearance there might give rise to political excitement, and perhaps bring on a contest which we were anxious to avoid. Upon that ground we were merely there during the election.

20,063. There was one witness who said something about there having been a dinner given at that time?—Not during the time of the election. Mr. Brassey and myself were in the habit of going down in the autumn, and there was a dinner at Sandwich before the election, but it had nothing to do with the election whatever.

20,064. A dinner given by the constituents to you?—No, I think it was given by us to the Corporation. There were men on both sides there. I had sat for 23 years, and it appeared that there was no prospect of there being any contest, and we did not even know of the dissolution.

20,065. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When do you say the dinner was?—In the autumn, but I cannot give you the date; it was before there was any idea of a dissolution further, of course, than the general knowledge that Parliament was drawing to its close.

20,066. How many people were there at that dinner?—Only the Corporation.

20,067. Not 200 or 300?—No.

20,068. Some people alluded to a great entertainment, or dinner, or something of that kind at which it was said 150 or 200 people sat down?—Not for years back has that happened. There are always dinners with the Foresters and Odd Fellows which we had to attend, but I heard of no dinner of that kind at or during the election. I merely mentioned the Corporation dinner as a fact, but it really had nothing to do with the election, nor had we any reasons to apprehend any opposition at that time.

20,069. (*Mr. Holl.*) We are of opinion that in the absence of there having been any corrupt practices in the general election of 1880, we are not at liberty to go behind that election, and therefore we need not trouble you further. By the Corrupt Practices Act, 15th and 16th Victoria, chapter 57, section 6, the Commissioners are directed, "To enquire into any corrupt practices that may have been committed at the election with respect to which they are directed to enquire, and in case the Commissioners find that corrupt practices have been committed at that election, it shall be lawful for them to make the like enquiries concerning the latest previous election for the same borough or place, and upon their finding corrupt practices to have been committed at that election, it shall be lawful for them to make the like enquiries concerning the election immediately previous thereto. But where, upon enquiry as aforesaid concerning any election, such Commissioners do not find that corrupt practices have been committed thereat, they shall not enquire concerning any previous election." We are of opinion, therefore, that no corrupt practices having been proved to have taken place at the general election in 1880, we

have no power or jurisdiction to enquire with respect to any previous election?—I have been advised the same way, but I can only say if it were a matter within the scope of this enquiry I should be perfectly prepared to give an account of everything I have done since I have sat for the borough, and, in fact, I have extracted from my banker's account—

20,070. We cannot go into it partially. We are of opinion that we have no jurisdiction to go behind the general election of 1880, and it would not certainly do for us to go into it partially?—Then I hope it will be perfectly understood that there is neither concealment, or for a moment any wish for concealment, on my part.

20,071. That we quite understand. We think we have no power or jurisdiction to go behind the general election of 1880?—What I feel is that some statements have been made by one or two gentlemen in the evidence reflecting upon the borough generally, especially upon the Liberal party, as having introduced corrupt practices, and I should have been very glad to negative it by my evidence.

WILLIAM GODFREY THOMAS sworn and examined.

20,075. (Mr. Turner.) Are you clerk to Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

20,076. When did you first go down to Deal?—The same day that Mr. Hughes went, I think it was upon the 5th May; I did not go with him but later in the day.

20,077. Did you yourself take any money with you?—Yes.

20,078. How much?—500*l*.

20,079. Was that in gold?—Yes, in gold; in fact, I had more than 500*l*. because I had other moneys belonging to Mr. Hughes; there was something like 150*l*. which I was using at the time I was called away to go to Deal.

20,080. Do you mean using in your own business?—Yes.

20,081. Then you took down 650*l*.?—I should think I had quite 650*l*.

20,082. In gold?—Yes.

20,083. What did you do with that?—We used it as we went on for anything that was required in the election.

20,084. In what way?—In payments that were required to be made.

20,085. What was the nature of those payments?—If I had my little memorandum book I could tell you. I think the first payment out of it was 50*l*. at Sandwich to Mr. Cloke.

20,086. Here is your memorandum book (*handing the same*). Are the memoranda therein contained made by yourself?—Yes.

20,087. I want to know what you did with this 650*l*.?—If you observe upon the 5th there is 50*l*. to Mr. Cloke.

20,088. What was that given to him for?—I believe it was to pay expenses in hiring public houses, and so forth. Then the next day there is 150*l*. and 120*l*. paid to Mr. Simmons to pay for committee rooms.

20,089. Is that the clerk to Mr. Spofforth?—Yes.

20,090. That makes 320*l*.?—Then upon May 6th there is another 100*l*. for committee rooms.

20,091. To whom was that paid?—I should think that would be paid to Mr. Simmons as well. I should think that he came to me afterwards and said that he had exhausted what he had.

20,092. You think that you gave it to Simmons?—Yes.

20,093. That makes 420*l*.?—Then there is another 100*l*. upon the same date, I see, and a lot of little expenses.

20,094. You have to exhaust 650*l*.?—But I do not think I exhausted the money that I had belonging to Mr. Hughes, although I did break into it eventually.

20,095. We have not yet exhausted the 500*l*, that you took down in gold?—There are other small items, but I do not see any more large items. Upon the 10th there was 36*l*. paid to Mr. Olds, and there are a lot of other small items such as, for instance, on the 15th, 17*l*. for clerks, and other such like things; stamps, and everything of that sort. It commences from the very day I went down, and of course I had to go on paying out of pocket.

20,072. You see if we go into your evidence we must go into the evidence of everybody?—That is true.

20,073. I think it is impossible to hear the evidence of yourself or anybody else without going into the whole question, and we are of opinion that we have no jurisdiction to do it. Therefore we think we cannot go beyond what we have already done?—What I feel very strongly is this, I have known the borough for a good many years, and I find it very much abused now, and I should like to have said a word or two to show that there is some good in it. Such a thing as theft in Deal or Walmer is almost unknown. They are as honest a race of men as you will find anywhere, and I do not believe that the bribery and corruption, which has proved to exist, ever would have existed if there had not been very great temptation held out to the people by men of superior position, who are more to blame than the poor men themselves. I shall be very happy to answer any other questions the Commissioners may deem it expedient to put to me.

20,074. We think for the reasons we have mentioned that we have not the power to go further?—Then of course I can do no more.

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20,096. With the small items and the large sums, which you have told us of, which you paid to Cloke and to Simmons, they will pretty well exhaust the 500*l*.; how much of the 150*l*. of Mr. Hughes' own money did you break into?—I could not say. I paid as I went on, and if I wanted any money I took it out of that.

20,097. Did you not enter that into a book?—No, I kept it distinct.

20,098. Have you any other book in which you entered his money?—No.

20,099. Cannot you give us a notion as to how much of the 150*l*. you paid away?—No.

20,100. Was it half, or two-thirds?—It might have been 50*l*., and it might have been more at times, but I replaced it as I got other moneys, you see. I think, eventually, when I came back I found that I had spent about 50*l*. beyond the money that I had received.

20,101. Besides the 500*l*. and the 150*l*., what other moneys did you receive?—A great deal.

20,102. Tell us what it is that you did receive?—I could not tell you the exact amount, but a great amount, I should think nearly the whole, of the money went through my hands that was in the Deal bank.

20,103. What did you do with it?—The largest amounts I paid to Mr. Olds.

20,104. Can you tell us how much you paid to him, and when?—I know the bulk was, as near as I can remember, about 1,100*l*.

20,105. Did you pay that in one sum?—No, I paid it in various sums. I think there was one 350*l*., or 354*l*., another sum of 400*l*., and one sum of 150*l*.

20,106. Can you say when you paid those sums of 354*l*. and 400*l*.?—I think the 354*l*. was paid upon the Sunday morning before the election.

20,107. And the 400*l*.?—I think that was upon the Monday.

20,108. Was that in gold?—Yes, all in gold.

20,109. Monday was Bank Holiday?—Yes, it was sometime during Monday, but I cannot say exactly the time.

20,110. Then what other sums?—There was 150*l*. upon one occasion.

20,111. When was that?—About the same date, Sunday or Monday, and I rather think upon the Monday.

20,112. Can you say at what time upon the Monday you paid the 400*l*.?—It was in the morning, but I could not say the time.

20,113. At Mr. Old's house?—No, at the "Royal" Hotel.

20,114. Did you give him the 354*l*. at the "Royal" Hotel?—Yes.

20,115. You were staying there?—Yes.

20,116. He came for it?—Yes.

20,117. And the 150*l*. also?—He was there, and Mr. Hughes said, "You have some money." I said, "Yes;" and he said, "How much have you got," and I said, "350*l*;" and he said, "Give it to Mr. Olds."

20,118. What was it given to Mr. Olds for?—I did not know then, though of course I know now. I simply had instructions from Mr. Hughes to give it to Mr. Olds, and in fact I kept no account of it myself.

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20,119. Do you say it was 354*l.*?—Yes, to the best of my memory.

20,120. You paid 354*l.*, 400*l.*, and 150*l.*?—Yes.

20,121. 354*l.* upon the Sunday, and 400*l.* and 150*l.* upon the Monday morning?—Yes.

20,122. Was it 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning, or when, because we have an object in knowing?—I should think early upon Monday morning. I should think it would be before breakfast, but I am not certain; it might be, perhaps, about 9 o'clock.

20,123. Did you take any money to Old's house?—No, none whatever.

20,124. That makes 904*l.*; what further sum did you give to Olds?—I think another 350*l.*, or something of that sort.

20,125. When was that?—That was upon the Monday, I think; it was cash that I asked for from various tradesmen. The bank was closed and I got them to cash cheques for us as far as they could.

20,126. You think that you gave Olds another 350*l.* upon the same Monday?—Yes, I cannot remember the exact amounts.

20,127. You said that you thought you gave to Olds 1,100*l.*, but this would make 1,250*l.*?—It might have been less than 350*l.* I cannot remember the exact sums.

20,128. You say that you gave him these sums on Sunday or Monday before the election; had you given nothing before that?—Except the 36*l.* which appears here, and I believe that was for some expenses incurred in canvassing.

20,129. Beyond these sums which you have just mentioned, have you given Olds anything further?—Yes, I did give him some more. I think I paid him a cab bill amounting to 70*l.* or 80*l.*

20,130. After the election?—Yes; perhaps it does not appear in my book, because a cheque was drawn for it, and I did not put it into this book.

20,131. Was that all that you had to do with giving Olds money?—Yes, that is all.

20,132. What other moneys had you for the purposes of the election? Did you give anybody else money?—No, excepting for the general purposes of the election, I paid all bills that came in for expenses incurred.

20,133. What bills?—Clerks, messengers, and all the lists that were made up I paid myself.

20,134. You mean expenses included in the returned expenses?—Yes.

20,135. Did most of those bills pass through your hands?—Yes, I should think the great bulk of them, excepting cheques that were not entered by me in my book.

(Mr. Edwin Hughes.) Mr. Thomas made up the return.

20,136. (Mr. Turner.) You took no bag of sovereigns to Old's house?—None whatever.

20,137. Upon the Monday before the election?—No.

20,138. You were not there?—No.

20,139. (Mr. Jeune.) You saw Mr. Olds, I suppose, pretty nearly as soon as you went down?—Yes.

20,140. And you saw him, off and on, constantly during the time you were down?—Yes.

20,141. He knew perfectly well who you were?—Yes.

20,142. (Mr. Holl.) It is important that you should, if you can, fix more accurately the precise sums that you paid to Mr. Olds, apart from any payment for cabs or carriages, or anything of that kind, because I understood you to say at the commencement of your examination you thought it was about 1,100*l.*?—Yes, I think it was.

20,143. If you gave him 354*l.* on the Sunday, 400*l.* and 150*l.* on the Monday, and another sum of 350*l.*, that makes 1,250*l.*?—I could not say exactly what the sums were.

20,144. Cannot you tax your memory more accurately as to what you did pay him?—I remember the 354*l.*,

the 400*l.*, and the 150*l.* distinctly, but there was a further sum given to him afterwards.

20,145. You gave him the 354*l.* upon the Sunday, and the 400*l.* and 150*l.* upon the Monday?—Yes.

20,146. Those sums you remember distinctly?—Yes.

20,147. That makes 904*l.*; cannot you say with more certainty what you did give him beyond that?—No, I cannot remember the exact sums. I simply handed them over by Mr. Hughes' direction, and Mr. Hughes was to keep an account of what I did give him.

20,148. You say the last sum you are speaking of was the produce of cheques that you got cashed by various tradesmen?—Finding the bank was closed I got as much cash as I possibly could, and gave cheques for the amounts.

20,149. It was not confined to that?—No.

20,150. Then the cheques would give us no clue to it?—No, it was for the purpose of having as much cash in hand as I could get.

20,151. Are you prepared to say that you gave Mr. Olds altogether more than 1,100*l.*?—It could not have been much more.

20,152. What you have spoken to comes to 1,250*l.*?—Yes, it comes to more. Whether I gave Mr. Olds 350*l.*, or whether it was one or two smaller sums, I cannot remember now.

(Mr. Edwin Hughes.) Perhaps the Commissioners will allow me to assist them here?

(Mr. Holl.) I think it would be desirable to know the facts as regards Mr. Olds.

(Mr. Edwin Hughes.) You are counting the 400*l.* twice, for this reason, Thomas drew 400*l.* and gave it to Horne, and Horne gave it to Olds, so that the 400*l.* which was put with the 1,000*l.* from Calais was paid by Horne to Olds, and does not form part of that which Thomas gave to Olds.

20,153. (Mr. Holl to the Witness.) Did you give 400*l.* to Mr. Horne to give to Mr. Olds?—I gave it to him, but what it was for I do not know.

20,154. That was not part of the money that you gave to Olds?—No.

20,155. Did you give Mr. Olds 400*l.* besides that?—Yes, I think so.

20,156. You did give 400*l.* to Horne?—Yes.

20,157. Was that money that came from the Bank of England in London?—Yes, I think so, but I am not quite certain.

20,158. And you think besides that you gave 400*l.* to Olds personally?—Yes.

20,159. Were all these sums given to Olds at the "Royal" Hotel?—Yes.

20,160. Did you go to his house with any of it?—It would be all given at the "Royal" Hotel.

20,161. I understand you to say that you are not prepared to say that you gave Olds more than 1,100*l.*?—No, I am not.

20,162. Have you no memorandum or means of enabling you to tell us with a little more accuracy how Mr. Olds had paid to him these sums apart from moneys paid for cabs and carriages?—No. The only reason, I think, I gave him 1,100*l.* is this, that Mr. Hughes said he wanted him to have the 1,100*l.*

20,163. Do you think you gave him more?—No, that is the reason why, I think, that it must have been 1,100*l.* Mr. Hughes said that he would keep an account of the sums.

20,164. Beyond the 354*l.*, 400*l.*, and 150*l.*, you do not know what further sums you did give, but you say Mr. Hughes directed you to give him 1,100*l.*?—Yes.

20,165. And you think altogether you did give him that sum?—Yes.

20,166. (Mr. Jeune.) Except the first 500*l.* everything you got came through the Deal bank?—Yes.

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20,167. (Mr. Jeune.) You had your coachman down at Deal?—Yes.

20,168. I see that you paid to him for going to Deal 10*l.*, and 15*l.* upon leaving Deal; those of course would be expenses for himself, and horses and carriages, and so on, but besides that I see, "Coachman's book, 5*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.*," also a charge at the "Royal," 6*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* for stabling and keep. Your horses were all kept at

the "Royal"?—They were stables belonging to the "Royal."

20,169. And your carriages were there also?—Yes.

20,170. That 6*l.* 19*s.* was for your horses and carriages during that time?—I have no doubt of it.

20,171. Beside that I see two sums of 15*l.* each which you gave to your coachman. "In Deal" is the way in

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which it is entered. What were those sums given to him for; one was upon the 6th May, "Coachman in Deal, 15l.," and then again upon the 15th May I see, "Coachman in Deal, 15l.," making 30l. altogether; what were those sums given to him for?—I am sorry that you did not ask me to bring the book, because, no doubt, his book would show every penny of it.

20,172. Beyond the amount of the coachman's book there are these two sums of 15l. paid to "Coachman in Deal"?—I did not pay them myself at all, but I have no doubt that he has been paid that sum.

20,173. You went through this list yourself, did you not?—It must be borne in mind that I had a coachman, a groom, and two helpers down there, and I forget whether six or seven horses, or it may have been eight.

20,174. We have got their stabling and keep, and we have got your coachman's book showing all the small items, and we have got the sums paid to him for going to and leaving Deal, but beyond that there are these two sums of 15l. paid to him on two days, "In Deal"?—If you told me you wished to have the particulars of this I would have brought a full statement. The coachman is outside, and, perhaps, you would like to see him.

20,175. (Mr. Holl.) Does he include his wages, or the wages of the men in the coachman's book?—Yes, every single payment is included; payments for brushes, sponges, and beeswax, and everything goes down into the coachman's book.

20,176. What I meant was this, no doubt such items as those would be included in the coachman's book, but does he include his wages?—Yes; and when at Deal, besides the wages, there is the coachman's keep, and his men's keep.

20,177. (Mr. Jeune.) I called your attention before to your canvass book, and to the entry opposite George Lock's name; there is a note there which you read to me as "Railway agent," be good enough to read it again, is it "Railway agent"?—It looks like it.

20,178. Do you think it is "Railway agent"?—Yes, I suppose it is "Railway agent, very favourable now."

20,179. Did anybody tell you that Mr. Lock was a railway agent?—I do not know: I put him down just at the moment like that.

20,180. As a matter of fact Mr. Lock is not a railway agent at all, or anything of the kind?—I do not know what he is.

THOMAS HARPER sworn and examined.

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20,191. (Mr. Jeune.) You are coachman to Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.

20,192. You were with him at Deal?—Yes.

20,193. You took down his horses and carriages, and brought them away?—Yes.

20,194. I see that you had for going to Deal the sum of 10l.—Yes.

20,195. Who gave you that, Mrs. Stedman?—Yes, Mrs. Stedman.

20,196. And leaving Deal you had the sum of 15l.?—Yes.

20,197. Then there was your book which came to 5l. 1s. 5d.: what would be in your book?—All the items I expended with the stables.

20,198. Would you put down everything you spent in connexion with the stables in that book?—Yes, everything I spent in connexion with the stables.

20,199. I see besides those items I have given you you had upon the 6th May a sum of 15l. given to you?—Yes.

20,200. Who gave you that?—That would be all in my expenses.

20,201. Who gave you that?—Mrs. Stedman.

20,202. What was that 15l. for?—It was all for my expenses and wages, and stabling expenses.

20,203. What wages did you pay to anybody else?—I had three or four men down there besides.

20,204. How many men had you?—Three men.

20,205. What were their wages a week?—About 30s. a week.

20,206. A-piece?—Yes.

20,207. Were they grooms and helpers of your own?—Yes, of my own; and another was engaged at Deal.

20,181. Look at that word again and see whether you do not think it is "Bribery agent," because it looks to me very like it?—It may be a "B."

20,182. Mr. Lock was not as you know a railway agent, and I daresay you have read sufficient of the evidence in this case to know that he was what might be described as a bribery agent on a tolerably large scale?—I am sorry to say I cannot carry these people's names in my head, and I was not aware that he had anything to do with bribery. I have not read any evidence that would couple this man with bribery; and indeed, when I do read the evidence I do not know whether they belong to the Liberal side or the Conservative side.

20,183. Do you think that those words might be "Bribery agent"?—Now you suggest it I might take that view of it.

20,184. Can you suggest how you came to write "Bribery agent" opposite his name, if the word is "bribery"?—I cannot admit that it is "bribery," because I have no recollection of it whatever. I have a recollection of writing the word "gent," and that is all I have a recollection about it.

20,185. Supposing the word to be "bribery," cannot you give me any reason how you came to write "Bribery agent" opposite his name?—No not at all.

20,186. Looking at it now, do you not think that the word is "bribery"?—I should not have put that construction upon it, and I have no recollection at all of any circumstance which would induce me to write such a word.

20,187. The word looks very much like "bribery," does it not?—Now that you call my attention to it it might be that, but there is nothing at all in my mind that would induce me to take that view of it.

20,188. Opposite Mr. Lock's name in Mr. Cloke's book I find the words "At work;" do you know how those words came to be written?—I have never had any conversation with Mr. Cloke with regard to these people at Sandwich in any way.

20,189. Mr. Cloke had your book to make up his own from?—That book was brought to me by the person who went round, and he took it to whoever sent him of an evening after I had been round.

20,190. You do not know what the meaning of those words "At work" is as compared with the entry of "Bribery agent"?—No, I have not the slightest idea.

20,208. You say you had three down there?—Yes, three at 24s. or 25s. a week. I cannot say exactly the sum.

20,209. You paid those men?—Yes.

20,210. How long were you there; a fortnight?—Yes, or it might have been more. I cannot say exactly to the day, unless I had my book.

20,211. Supposing they had 30s. a week, you would pay 9l. to those people for wages during that time. Besides the 15l. which you had upon the 6th May, you had 15l. upon the 16th May?—Yes.

20,212. That makes 30l. altogether that you had from Mrs. Stedman, besides the other items that I have given you?—Yes.

20,213. What did you do with that 30l.?—It was all spent in my expenses, wages and so on, and board and lodging, and different things that I had to pay for.

20,214. Did you keep any record of those?—Yes.

20,215. You told me you put down everything in your book?—Yes, everything; every shilling is accounted for.

20,216. We have got your book, and that comes to 5l. 1s. 5d.; where did the other 30l. go?—There would be the railway expenses up and down.

20,217. We have got those besides; because you had 10l. going to Deal, and 15l. leaving Deal, and over and above that, you had 30l. Do you say everything is in your book?—Yes.

(Mr. Crompton Roberts.) I think that the Commissioners are only wasting time; I think a great deal of time will be saved if you will allow this witness to drive home and get the books.

(Mr. Jeune.) I think that will be a convenient course.

20,218. (To the witness.) You will go and get the book that you had at Deal?—Yes.

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20,219. (Mr. Jeune.) Is that list in your handwriting (handing a paper)?—Yes, this is my handwriting, certainly.

20,220. What does that big B. mean opposite that man's name?—Has this anything to do with Deal? D. is doubtful, and C. Conservative; that is what I should read it for.

20,221. I mean this B. ?—No, it is a D.

20,222. Surely it is a B. ?—I should read all those to be D's; and if you were to write in the cold weather we had at Deal, I do not think you would write much better.

20,223. If you say it is a D. well and good; but I should have said myself decidedly that it was a B. ?—I had nothing to write upon, and there was a bitter cutting cold wind.

20,224. If it is a D., you say it stands for "doubtful" ?—Yes, that is what I should read it for now. I was not aware there was such a paper in existence; but it is my writing.

20,225. Let me read it to you. What is the name of this man?—Wakeham, I should read it, High Street.

20,226. Does it not read on thus :—"Wakeham, High Street, wants a B." ?—I had not read that part of it. I did not read before about "Wants a B." It might be as you say.

20,227. Does that suggest itself to your mind?—I did not see that before; but since you put that construction upon it, it is possible.

20,228. Does B. stand for "Bribe;" it does, does it

not?—With that "Wants a B," I should say certainly that would be it; but C. stands for Conservative, and D. for doubtful, and so on; and no doubt that man had made such an application to me.

20,229. D. is a doubtful man who wants a bribe?—Now I see "Wants a B.," I should say that that is it, no doubt. I have no doubt that this man had run after me, and had suggested something of that kind, and I had added that after I had put the word "doubtful"

20,230. Why did you put opposite to that, "Wants a bribe" ?—Simply because I have been accustomed to do things perfectly openly; and I should make a straightforward remark of that kind.

20,231. This paper was intended to come, and did come into the hands of the canvassers, and other persons?—I have no idea. I was given certain people to call upon, and no doubt from that being in my own handwriting, that is the wind up of perhaps a long list. No doubt it is a man that I had been unable to see on that particular day.

20,232. That paper was intended to be given back, and was given back?—I do not know what became of it.

20,233. That is what you did with all the papers?—Yes, that is what I should do.

20,234. Does it not strike you that writing "Wants a bribe" opposite a man's name, was a pretty broad hint?—I had no idea that there was any bribery going on or likely to go on, and therefore I put that down in the same way as, if anybody asked me for a bribe, I should put him down as a Liberal.

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JAMES ROLLS HOARE sworn and examined.

20,235. (Mr. Holl.) You are a partner of Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.

20,236. I daresay you remember the occasion of Mr. Roberts going down to Sandwich to stand, in May last?—Yes.

20,237. Do you know anything of a cheque that was drawn upon the 5th May, for 500l. ?—Yes. I received a cheque from Mr. Crompton Roberts for 500l., but I cannot say the date. I drew no cheque for 500l.

20,238. Do you remember anything about a cheque drawn by Mr. Crompton Roberts whilst he was at Deal, for 500l. There is the entry of it in the pass book (handing the book to the witness)?—Yes, that is perfectly correct.

20,239. Tell me what you know about the cheque?—I received the cheque, and cashed it into bank notes, and took the notes over to Mr. Spofforth's office as I understood he was going down to Deal, to take it with him. Mr. Spofforth then informed me that he was not going down to Deal, so I went back to my office with the money, and I was thinking what should be done with the money, as I believed Mr. Crompton Roberts wanted it, knowing he left in a very great hurry, and while I was thinking about it a messenger came in for the money.

20,240. Do you know who it was?—No.

20,241. Was it Thomas, the witness who has been here to-day?—I should not recognise him again because I do not think I saw him.

20,242. Do you know from whom he came?—No, I do not, he simply came and asked for the money.

20,243. (Mr. Turner.) Would you give him 500l. without knowing something about him?—I imagined it was a straightforward transaction, and therefore I did not hesitate. I certainly took no receipt for it.

20,244. Did he tell you that he came for the 500l., the proceeds of the cheque?—I think he brought no paper with him at all—he simply came and said that he had come for a parcel that was to go down to Deal, and I presumed by "parcel" he meant the money because I had no other parcel.

20,245. (Mr. Holl.) Whom did you receive the cheque from?—I received it by post.

20,246. From Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes.

20,247. Have you got the letter enclosing the cheque?—No.

20,248. Do you remember the contents of the letter?—No—in fact I could not read it myself when it came. I could only gather that Mr. Crompton Roberts wished this done. It was evidently written in a great hurry, and I could not read the whole letter. I remember that it was written in pencil.

20,249. In substance it was a request to you to send down the proceeds of this cheque?—Yes, that was the substance of the letter, but the exact words I do not recollect. It was written very shortly indeed.

20,250. Then there is a cheque in this passbook drawn payable to you on the 11th May, for 600l.?—I know nothing of that cheque.

20,251. Do you say that you know nothing of that cheque at all?—No, I do not.

20,252. That cheque did not come to you?—No it did not come to me at all.

20,253. It was cashed without passing through your hands at all?—Yes; I never saw the cheque at all, and knew nothing about it.

20,254. Then I understand you gave to a witness who has been called, of the name of Horne, a cheque for 1,400l.?—I gave somebody a cheque for 1,400l., but I cannot say who it was.

20,255. What led to your giving that cheque?—I received a memorandum saying that Mr. Hughes required money, and would I assist him in some way with the money. It stated no more, and there was a letter from Mr. Hughes saying the sum he required was 1,400l.

20,256. (Mr. Turner.) You mean a memorandum from Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, I believe so.

20,257. (Mr. Holl.) As nearly as you can, tell us what sort of memorandum was it—what was it written upon, and what was it written with?—I forget whether it was written in pencil or ink, but the substance of it was that Mr. Hughes required money, and Mr. Hughes own letter named the sum.

20,258. Did it direct you to let him have what he required?—Yes.

20,259. That memorandum was, as I understand it, enclosed in a note from Mr. Hughes himself?—Yes, I believe so.

20,260. Stating the amount he required to be 1,400l.?—Yes.

20,261. Do you remember who brought you that note?—No, I do not think I saw the messenger—it was brought into my office.

20,262. And handed to you by one of your clerks?—Yes.

20,263. I understand you to say you do not think you saw the messenger yourself?—No, I did not.

20,264. What did you do upon receiving that memorandum from Mr. Crompton Roberts with Mr. Hughes' note?—I cannot say whether I handed it to the messenger myself or whether somebody else did, but I believe I handed the messenger a cheque for 1,400l.

20,265. Was that in an envelope?—Yes, in an envelope.

20,266. Did you tell him what was in the envelope?—No, I presumed he knew.

20,267. Upon what bank was that cheque drawn?—Upon the Union Bank of London.

20,268. Upon what branch?—Princes Street branch.

20,269. Beyond that do you know at all what was done with that 1,400l.?—No, I have not the slightest idea.

20,270. Had you any intimation given to you by the note which you received from Mr. Crompton Roberts or Mr. Hughes, for what purpose it was required?—No; none whatever.

20,271. When did you first become aware of what had been done with the money?—I gathered it from reading the papers, that was all.

20,272. You had not heard before?—No. In fact, I have not seen Mr. Crompton Roberts till to-day; he has been away for quite two months.

20,273. (Mr. Turner.) You mean reading the evidence upon this Commission?—Yes.

20,274. (Mr. Holl.) When did Mr. Crompton Roberts, as far as you know, become aware of that 1,400l. having been advanced by you?—I do not even know that he was aware of it at all; no, I am wrong there; he came back afterwards, and he may have looked into the ledger and seen the entry, but I did not inform him of the amount.

20,275. Do you know whether after the election you had any partnership drawings?—Yes.

20,276. When was the first partnership drawing after the election?—I should say the first partnership drawing was some six weeks after the election.

20,277. Some time in July?—Yes, it would be the very beginning of July.

20,278. At the time of that drawing would Mr. Cromp-

ton Roberts then see that this sum was debited to him?—Yes. *J. R. Hoare.*

20,279. As far as you know, had he any intimation of it prior to that time?—None whatever that I know of. I cannot fix the exact date of the drawing, but it would be the first week in July, because I left for my holiday the second week. *10 Nov. 1880.*

20,280. I understand you to say that you have no reason to suppose that he had any knowledge of it prior to that date?—No; I do not think in the slightest that he knew of it.

20,281. Was any observation made about it then?—No, none whatever; in fact, Mr. Roberts may not have known of it till later; he may not have seen the difference between the cheque drawn for him and the cheque which he otherwise would have had had there not been this debit against him.

20,282. You do not know whether his attention was, as a matter of fact, drawn to his being debited at the time of the drawing with this amount?—I did not draw his attention to it, and I do not think anybody else would; in fact, nobody else has access to the ledger except Mr. Roberts and myself.

20,283. Would Mr. Crompton Roberts, at the time of the drawing, look at the amount of the cheque?—Yes, he would naturally look at the amount entered in the ledger.

20,284. Would he look at the ledger itself, or would he merely see it from the cheque he received?—I should think Mr. Crompton Roberts would only see it from the cheque he received.

20,285. Whether upon receiving the cheque he referred to the ledger in any way, you cannot say?—No.

20,286. I understand from what you say you do not remember any observation being made, or any conversation in respect to the cheque at all?—No, none whatever.

EDWARD KYNASTON sworn and examined.

E. Kynaston.

20,287. (Mr. Turner.) You live at Deal?—Yes, I have a cottage there that I go to sometimes.

20,288. You took part in the election?—I was interested in it.

20,289. Upon the part of Mr. Crompton Roberts?—Yes, upon the part of the Conservative party.

20,290. Did you receive any moneys to apply in any way during the election?—The only money that I received in any way was a sum of 18l., which I think you know about, brought by me from the "Royal Hotel," I think, the day before the election, and given to a party at the "True Briton."

20,291. To the landlord of the "True Briton"?—No, I think a man named Axon absolutely had the money; as far as I recollect, I gave it into his hands.

20,292. From whom did you receive the 18l.?—Mr. Hughes.

20,293. What was the object of giving it to Axon?—That I did not enquire into. Axon had some money to give some men for wages, the particulars of which I did not enquire into. I was going down to the "Royal Hotel," at Deal, at the time, and I asked Mr. Hughes for it, and I believe I signed a receipt for it, and gave the money to Axon.

20,294. You applied to Mr. Hughes for it, having been applied to for it by Axon?—Yes.

20,295. He said he wanted it for wages, was that it? Did Axon tell you the amount he wanted?—Yes, 18l. He used a funny expression; he said it was for "Dividends," whatever that might mean.

20,296. What did you understand he wanted it for?—It was no business of mine to enquire what it was really wanted for, but, of course, I knew pretty well what it referred to. I understood there were a certain number of men at the "True Briton" who had been employed to watch the poles, and put up the poles, and do messenger's work, about which you have heard, and I understood that this 18l. was money due to them for that purpose.

20,297. Was it for what might be done in the future upon the part of these men?—No, I think this was the evening before the election.

20,298. Had it any reference to their votes?—No, nothing whatever so far as I know.

20,299. So far as Axon told you?—No, certainly not.

20,300. And you had no reason for knowing from any other source whether the money was to go for paying for

their votes?—It was to go, so far as I knew, in payment of these men that had been employed.

20,301. And you applied to Mr. Hughes for it?—Yes.

20,302. Did you tell Mr. Hughes what Axon told you?—I said that Axon wanted some money to pay what was due to some men employed at the "True Briton," and he gave me 18l., and I gave it to Mr. Axon, or his party.

20,303. Is that all that you received?—Yes, every farthing.

20,304. Do you know whether these men on behalf of whom Axon applied for the money had been watching?—Yes, and it was necessary, because otherwise the other side would have had every pole down upon the beach.

20,305. Have you had any experience of previous elections?—No, I have lived there five years, but there has been no contest.

20,306. I understand Axon asked you for the money as being due to these men, and you asked Mr. Hughes for it, and when he gave it to you you handed it to Axon?—Yes, that is the exact account of it.

20,307. (Mr. Jeune.) Is that all the money you had, or that you applied for?—Yes, the whole of the money.

20,308. I see here in the evidence of Mr. W. F. Spears, he has put down in his list what he expended, and what he received, "Kynaston, three poles," and then he is asked, "Did you put up these poles at the Esplanade, Middle Beach, Deal Castle, and did you pay Ralph 1l. 16s." (A.) "All I put up I paid 1l. 10s. a pole for; I do not think I paid under 1l. 10s. or over 1l. 10s.; I did not pay a shilling more." Then he is asked again, "Can you tell me whether these sums that are put down to Ralph 1l. 16s., Licence 1l. 18s., Baxter 1l. 10s., Kynaston (flagstaff) 3l. 15s."?—I have no recollection of it. I know that some poles were put up outside my boathouse in order to increase the decorations, but I have no recollection of signing any order.

20,309. Did you pay 4l. 10s. for three poles?—No, I paid nothing more than the 18l. that I have just told you about.

20,310. Spears is asked, "Can you tell me whether these sums that are put down to Ralph 1l. 16s., Licence 1l. 18s., Baxter 1l. 10s., Kynaston (flagstaff) 3l. 15s., were moneys paid to you, or were they paid direct to the men whose names I have read," and he says, "They must have been paid to the men." Is there anybody else of the name of Kynaston in Deal besides your self?—No, there is nobody else of the same name.

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20,311. There was a list handed in by Spears in which there was included Ralph 1*l.* 16*s.*, Licence 1*l.* 18*s.*, Baxter 1*l.* 10*s.*; you do not remember whether you gave any order for a flagstaff?—No, to the best of my belief I did not. I should not be likely to saddle Mr. Crompton Roberts with the cost of putting up a flagstaff for my gratification. No doubt these sums were given on my account, and it would arise in this way—they would say, "Mr. Kynaston must have a pole."

20,312. Did you receive any money from Mr. Simmons?—No, I received no money from anybody except the 1*l.* from Mr. Hughes.

20,313. I think Mr. Simmons suggested that you were one of the persons who distributed some sums in what he called "small charities." Did you distribute any money?—No, I did not spend a single farthing the whole time of the election except my own personal expenses. I never even treated anybody to a glass of beer, and I did it purposely knowing that the thing was improper.

(Mr. Edwin Hughes.) In order to confirm my state-

[Adjourned for a short time.]

T. Harper.

THOMAS HARPER recalled and further examined.

20,314. (Mr. Jeune.) Have you got your book?—Yes (*producing it*); you will see the whole of my expenses are included.

C. H.
Crompton
Roberts.

CHARLES HENRY CROMPTON ROBERTS recalled and further examined.

(*The Witness.*) I can save time, I think, if you will allow me to interpose. I have paged this book with the view of ready reference, and here are the sum totals representing the different weeks—the first week is 14*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*; upon page 6 there is 3*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.*; upon page 7, 22*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*; upon page 8, 11*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*; and upon page 9, 10*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*—those you will see are added together, and come to 70*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* Then my coachman received on account 65*l.*, and the balance is paid to him here 5*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* You have, therefore, every item, and every shilling spent.

(Mr. Jeune.) Yes, that does explain it thoroughly.

(*The witness.*) I have been trying to refresh my memory with regard to that remark about "Bribery agent," and I am under the impression that I had seen this man first of all, and marked him "Liberal," and I think you will find in the book it is afterwards rubbed

out, and on seeing this man, having rubbed out the remark that he was a Liberal. I was told by the man who went round with me that he was bribery agent for the Liberal party upon two previous occasions. That is my impression now, and upon being told that by the man I made the memorandum. The man described to me that he had been treated very badly indeed with regard to some municipal arrangements, and on that account he had made up his mind to cut the party altogether. I believe that is the way in which I came to write "bribery agent."

20,315. (Mr. Jeune.) Can you tell us who it was who told you that he had been employed as bribery agent?—There were different persons who went round with me upon different mornings, and I do not know their names, though if I had a photograph of the man I could tell, but not otherwise.

E. Hughes.

EDWIN HUGHES recalled and further examined.

20,316. (Mr. Jeune.) What are these lists? (*handing some cards to the witness.*)—These are for my own private use at the election, stating the results of the canvass, and every other information which I thought available and useful for the election was all posted on to these lists, and these lists never went out of my possession.

20,317. (Mr. Holl.) These are in fact lists of all the voters for the borough upon which you posted your remarks?—Yes, I posted everything; from these lists I can tell everything that I ought or ought not to know in reference to the election.

20,318. Do these lists shew the 850 voters who were to be paid?—Very nearly; they have numbers opposite to them, and those numbers indicate the number by which the committee man was known which is explained by an index which I have here (*referring to another card*). The 80 committeemen are all numbered upon this sheet, because it was inconvenient to write upon a printed polling list the names of the committee men, there not being room, and therefore I represented it by a number, that is to say, those who had bringing up lists originally.

20,319. (Mr. Jeune.) I see No. 67 opposite the first name?—Yes, and that would mean, "Barnes, Cambridge Arms."

20,320. What does "O" mean?—Doubtful.

20,321. And what does it mean after the name?—That is a registration mark, that he has ceased to be a voter this year since the election.

20,322. The number opposite the name indicates the committee man who brought him up?—Yes, and in consequence of its afterwards being determined to pay 3*l.* each the same committee man was entrusted with the money to distribute to that particular voter, and therefore there is not a single voter but what you can get at. Those who have no numbers at all I should say certainly and most undoubtedly were not paid by our side.

20,323. All those with numbers opposite to them you think are persons who it was intended should have 3*l.*? Yes.

20,324. And who had it?—Yes, I feel satisfied they had it.

20,325. How many do they come to?—I do not know, but very nearly 850.

20,326. By comparing these lists with the witnesses called before us we should be able to ascertain who were bribed?—Yes, undoubtedly.

20,327. We have only to compare this list with the witnesses we have called?—Yes. The object of this was that no voter should be paid twice, because that is a very common error made by a good many people. There was one man who drew money twice, named Port, and he got it by a misrepresentation; that was upon the day of the election, and it was found out immediately.

20,328. (Mr. Turner.) He would have to go to the committee man, and the committee man would know him again, and not pay him?—Yes. Then here are plenty of other marks which I can explain; where the number is marked through it shows that they have voted before one o'clock, and where the number is marked through in blue it shows that they voted after one o'clock.

20,329. (Mr. Jeune.) Those who have got no number were people who could be trusted to come up without being paid, or who voted for the other side?—Yes; and those where the number is not marked through did not vote at all, and you see the bulk of those are Liberals. You will see there is a man named Ralph, with 1*s.* 4*d.* against his name; he wanted money, and you see I left him alone, I took no notice of him. Then there is a man named Wakeham upon this list, and it was reported to me by a stupid fellow named Tucker, that he wanted a payment, and it was said that somebody of the name of Moon could get his vote for a sovereign, which I made a note of, and, notwithstanding that, I did not have anything to do with him.

20,330. (Mr. Holl.) Those that are marked 1*s.* 4*d.* are very few?—I do not think there is any other. I want to point out in reference to Wakeham, against whose

name Mr. Crompton Roberts made a note "Wants a bribe," the same thing was reported to me, and I want to show that notwithstanding it was reported to me that his vote was available for a bribe, still, not having given his promise previously, I would not have anything to do with him.

20,331. That occurs only in one or two instances?—It shows the principle; and there was a very good reason for it, because we had already got enough.

20,332. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What does a red cross mean?—"Did not vote," I think.

20,333. (*Mr. Holl.*) Then there is a note, "Dead," and again, "In Canterbury gaol"?—Yes; the red cross means that they did not vote, and the reasons are given. Then there is a round "O" in each of the first columns, and that is a promise to remain neuter, but they did not all keep that.

20,334. There is a round "O" against a man named Harrison?—Yes; he promised to remain neutral, but did not.

20,335. (*Mr. Jeune.*) When a name is written after the voter's name, what does that mean—for instance: "Chapman," and then again, "Mackay"?—Some few had the names put in before I put the numbers. I found it was so inconvenient to write the name that I made the index I have before alluded to. When I have written the name in any case it is the name of the

person to whom the voters had promised, or who was likely to influence the voter.

20,336. In fact it is the same thing as the number?—Scarcely so much as the number, because the number was an actual promise. Where the name Chapman is written against a voter's name it represents that the man had not promised any way, and Chapman was the man supposed to have most influence with him.

20,337. What does "James Nethersole" mean?—He is the one who would influence the voter, but there is no red ink number, and therefore no money was paid in that case. There are committee men on my list numbered, but you will not find any number in reference to them, and the reason of that is because they would not take the responsibility of paying any money, or bringing any voters up; they did what they could and when they had reported to me they considered they had done with it. I should say three-fourths of them would not have anything to do with any payment; they are not all bad. You may understand by this system how it was I knew all about everybody.

20,338. The organization was perfect?—I had only 10 days to do it in; and five or six days put it all straight. I worked eighteen hours a day.

20,339. The work upon those lists no doubt was something enormous?—That is the very reason why I wanted so many canvassers. I could not do it all in so short a time without having an extra staff.

Adjourned.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, 22nd December 1880.

FREDERICK THOMAS HULKE sworn and examined.

F. T. Hulke.

20,340. (*Mr. Holl.*) You reside in Queen Street, Deal?—Yes.

20,341. And you are a physician?—A surgeon.

20,342. I think you took an active interest in the election that took place in May last?—Yes, I did.

20,343. Your views were in the Conservative interest?—Conservative decidedly.

20,344. You were one of the gentlemen who received Mr. Crompton Roberts when he came down?—Yes, I was.

20,345. Did you receive any money or expend any money in connexion with the election?—The only amount I spent was that sum that Mr. Simmons mentioned, 7l.

20,346. From whom did you receive that?—I received it from Mr. Simmons.

20,347. Tell me what it was for, and how you expended it?—2l. of that I paid away to a man of the name of Jenner, for information that he was to get me after the last election, and before the present election, that is, between the walk-over and this election. I paid away a sovereign on two occasions to a man of the name of Jenner, in Walmer, to go about and get me information.

20,348. Who was Jenner?—A waterman.

20,349. Was it to get information in connexion with the election?—Yes.

20,350. What character of information?—That our chances in Walmer were favourable.

20,351. That is, to ascertain the views of the parties?—To ascertain what the views of the watermen were. Amongst watermen you are obliged to send a waterman.

20,352. Was that given to him entirely for his time and trouble in obtaining such information?—Yes, entirely.

20,353. Not with a view of his distributing any portion of it?—No, not with any such views at all.

20,354. I understand you to say that you gave him a sovereign on two occasions?—Yes.

20,355. How long was that before the election of May?—It must have been three or four weeks at least before that.

20,356. How was the rest of the 7l. expended?—5l. was given to a Mr. Thomas Ralph, also for services rendered during the election.

20,357. What is Mr. Thomas Ralph?—He is a clerk, living in Alfred Square.

20,358. What were the services that he rendered?—He was very active in going about, and he told me that also he was a little money out of pocket with necessary little expenses, and so on. I wanted him to be put down as a paid canvasser, to which he objected, and therefore I gave him the 5l. myself. He had his own reasons for objecting to going down as a paid canvasser.

20,359. What were the services that he rendered?—He was showing himself active in the cause, attending meetings, and putting himself otherwise to inconvenience. It was taking him out of his regular routine.

20,360. Was he a voter?—Yes, he was a voter. He is a gentleman of some little position, although he is a clerk.

20,361. Is this Alderman Ralph?—Yes, Mr. Thomas Ralph, the alderman.

20,362. Do I understand you to say that the services he was rendering were simply going about to the different meetings. Was he canvassing?—I presume he was canvassing, but I had nothing to do with the canvassing, and therefore I could not say exactly. I do know that he was active, and used to attend our evening meetings.

20,363. You would not pay a gentleman in his position, would you, for attending these meetings?—Not entirely; but then, you see, his presence was some support to us.

20,364. Do you know anything more specific that he did beyond what you have told us?—No, I do not.

20,365. You do not know whether he canvassed or not?—I know that I should imagine he did, but I do not know it personally.

20,366. Was any portion of this 5l. that you gave to Alderman Ralph to be expended by him at all in treating, or in any such way?—No, it was given to him entirely for his services.

20,367. Nothing of that kind at all?—No.

20,368. You say positively it was given entirely for his services?—Yes.

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20,369. And such services as you have mentioned?—Yes.

20,370. Was that all the money?—Yes, that was all the money.

20,371. That was all the money you expended or received?—Yes, expended or received. I changed a cheque for Mr. Thomas on one occasion.

20,372. When Mr. Simmons talks about your having paid for some champagne, do I understand you to say that that is a mistake of his?—Yes, it is a mistake of his. It was simply because I did not want him to know how this money was expended, and therefore at the time I said, "Put it down to Petty Cash, or anything you like," telling him various little expenses that I was out of pocket.

20,373. I suppose what you are saying now applies to the 5*l.*, and not to the 2*l.*?—Yes.

20,374. Why were you so anxious that Mr. Simmons, one of your own party, if I may so speak, should not know that you were going to give this 5*l.* to Mr. Alderman Ralph?—It might probably be in this way, that Mr. Ralph originally was upon the other side, that is years ago, and he might not like to have it known that he was put down as receiving anything for his services. I imagine that was what was passing through my mind.

20,375. He had been upon the other side, and you thought he would not like it to be known that he had been rendering services?—Yes, that he had been rendering services openly.

20,376. What you mean, I suppose, is you thought he would not like it to be known that he was receiving any remuneration for doing it?—Yes, that he had received anything.

20,377. You see Alderman Ralph was, in point of fact, having formerly been upon the other side, taking remuneration for the services he rendered?—He rendered these services at lots of meetings for the last year or two. He had separated himself from his own party, and there was no intention on his part to receive anything, and no desire on my part to give him anything.

20,378. You say that he separated himself from his own party long antecedent to this election?—Yes.

20,379. A year or two?—Yes.

20,380. Are you sure of that?—I should not like to be positive, because I do not know the ins and outs of the elections sufficiently.

20,381. Are you able to say, or not, whether he had to your knowledge separated himself from the Liberal party for any considerable time previous to the general election?—Yes, that I will swear positively.

20,382. Prior to the general election, you are positive about that?—Yes, I am positive about it. I think you will find that he took no part in the 1874 election.

20,383. I understand you to say you are not able to state more specifically the precise character of the services that he rendered, beyond the fact that he attended meetings, and generally supported your cause.

20,384. (*Mr. Jenner.*) When did you pay Mr. Jenner this 2*l.*?—I paid Mr. Jenner 2*l.* some three or four weeks at least before the election. I cannot be positive, but the occasion was soon after the general election—the walk-over. I employed Jenner to go about and find out the feelings and views of the watermen in Walmer, and about another week or ten days after that I gave him a second sovereign and sent him round again.

20,385. You say about three weeks after the walk-over you employed Jenner?—It was before that.

20,386. How long was it after the general election that you employed him?—I could not be positive, but it was soon after.

20,387. A fortnight?—I should think it would be, quite.

20,388. And then you paid him a week after that?—Yes, somewhere thereabouts.

20,389. The general election was the 4th April, and that brings you extremely close to the contested election?—You must bear in mind that there was not much time between the two.

20,390. That is what I mean. The payment to him was a little close upon the contested election?—It had nothing to do with his views, I can assure you.

20,391. I am not asking you that. You paid him this 2*l.* out of your own pocket?—Yes.

20,392. Without any communication with anybody else?—Yes, without any communication with anybody else at all.

20,393. When did you pay Mr. Ralph the 5*l.*?—I paid him that upon the day of the election.

20,394. Had you promised him anything before?—No, nothing. I am positive of that.

20,395. Had you asked him to perform services for your party?—No, I had not.

20,396. How came you to pay Mr. Ralph 5*l.*? Did he ask you for it?—Yes, he asked me for it.

20,397. That was upon the morning of the election?—That was upon the day of the election, but it was not in the morning; it was more in the afternoon.

20,398. What did he come and say to you?—He met me casually; he was in a very excited state, and he told me that he was money out of pocket, and he thought that for the services he had rendered he should be remunerated. I then said to him, "I will mention it to Mr. Hughes, but it was understood that they were to put you down as a paid canvasser," and he said, "I will not go down as a paid canvasser; I do not like to do that; but cannot you give me a little remuneration yourself, doctor?" That is the way it came about.

20,399. And you then gave him 5*l.*?—Yes.

20,400. That was out of your own pocket?—No, not that 5*l.*, because just at that moment I happened to see Mr. Simmons. I had no money with me, and I said to Mr. Simmons, "Can you lend me" or "Can you advance me a little money?" and he said, "I cannot; I have only a little in my pocket, which is for a charity." Then I said, "What have you got?" and he pulled out his purse, and he gave me 7*l.*, and he said, "What am I to put that down as?" I said, "Well, anything; charity begins at home," or some such casual remark as that, because I did not want him to know anything about Mr. Ralph.

20,401. Mr. Simmons has said that you said you had paid for some champagne; is that so?—Yes, I paid for some champagne, but not out of that money.

20,402. Did you tell Mr. Simmons that was what it was for?—The next morning he asked me how he was to account for that money, because he was not content with my previous answer, and then I told him that I was money out of pocket myself, and, more than that, I had paid for champagne, and damage to a cart, and so on.

20,403. You did tell him that you had paid for champagne?—Yes.

20,404. And you also told him that you had paid 3*l.* for damage to a trap?—I did not tell him I had paid that, but I told him that the trap was damaged to that amount; that was merely to gammon him.

20,405. I understand. As to the champagne, was it true that you had paid for some champagne?—Yes.

20,406. What champagne was that?—I paid for some champagne the night of the election at the "Royal" hotel—three or four sovereigns.

20,407. Who had the champagne?—The reporters and various others that were waiting for the result of the poll to be declared. I drank some of it myself.

20,408. That was the champagne you meant, was it?—Yes.

20,409. What was the trap?—It was a carriage of my own that was run into upon the afternoon of the polling day by some fly, and the wing was smashed off, and the iron work damaged.

20,410. Did you tell Mr. Simmons that a carriage of your own had been damaged?—Yes, I did, and that is the trap evidently he was alluding to.

20,411. Mr. Simmons says that you asked him for about 10*l.*, was that so?—No, I did not ask for that. I think it was 7*l.* or 8*l.* that I asked him for.

20,412. He said expressly that you said to him, "Simmons, will you give me 10*l.*," and he only gave you 7*l.* because he had only got 7*l.*?—No, I do not remember that. He had a sovereign or two more in his purse, I know, when he gave me the money.

20,413. Besides that 2*l.* to Mr. Jenner and 5*l.* to Mr. Ralph, what other sums did you pay in connexion with the election?—I do not know that I paid any at all.

20,414. It does turn out that you paid 3*l.* or 4*l.*, whatever it was, for this champagne drunk upon the polling day?—That was out of my own private purse.

20,415. I dare say. Did you pay anything else out of your own private purse?—I really cannot say that I did. I do not call anything to mind. I may have spent a shilling or two, but anything like 2*l.* or 3*l.* for champagne. I am positive I did not pay that.

20,416. Did you not give anybody anything to drink before the polling?—No, not to a soul that I know of.

20,417. You were pretty liberal with the champagne at the end?—Yes. I said, "We have been dry the whole time, and now we will have a wet."

20,418. Before that are you quite sure there was no other champagne?—No, I cannot call it to mind.

20,419. Or any other less aristocratic refreshment?—No.

20,420. Did you go about canvassing?—No, I never asked for a single vote. I object to canvassing, upon principle.

20,421. Did you employ anybody else to canvass?—No, I did not employ anybody to canvass.

F. T. Hulke.

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WILLIAM BARTLETT sworn and examined.

20,422. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—1, Castle Road, Deal.

20,423. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No, none at all.

20,424. From nobody?—No.

20,425. Did you receive nothing from a person of the name of Bushell?—No.

20,426. Did you receive anything in connexion with the election from anybody?—No, nothing at all.

20,427. You are quite sure of that?—Yes.

20,428. Were you offered any money?—No, and I should think that nobody would think of doing such a thing.

20,429. Were you canvassed by anyone?—Lady Goldsmid came to see me; that was the only person that came to see me.

20,430. I understand that you received no money from anyone, or any offer of money?—No, none at all.

20,431. Is there any other person of the name of William Bartlett that you know of?—There is another Bartlett, I believe, in Deal.

20,432. Do you know his Christian name?—No, but I get his letters sometimes sent to me.

20,433. You do not know whether his name is William Bartlett?—No.

20,434. Where does he live?—In Blenheim Road or Gladstone Road, I am not quite sure which it is.

20,435. I am sorry that you should have been troubled, but I presume there has been some mistake?—I was wondering why I was summoned.

W. Bartlett.

HENRY AMOS sworn and examined.

20,436. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—High Street, Walmer, just below Webbs' the butcher.

20,437. What did you receive for your vote?—Nothing at all. I never had a penny.

20,438. Were you canvassed by anybody?—Yes.

20,439. By whom?—A man that works at the brewery. I forget his name.

20,440. Is his name Bushell?—No, he lives further down the street. Marley, I think his name is. He came to me, and persuaded me to go, and I went with him.

20,441. Did he offer you any money?—No, he never offered a penny.

20,442. Did he give you anything?—No, not a farthing.

20,443. Did you have nothing from anybody?—No, nothing from anybody.

20,444. Did you have anything to drink?—No, nothing to drink.

20,445. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I have been working at Mr. Thompson's brewery for a good many years.

20,446. (*Mr. Holl.*) You are quite sure that you had no money from anybody?—No, I never had a farthing from anybody.

H. Amos.

BAYLY AXON sworn and examined.

20,447. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

20,448. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

20,449. From whom?—Mr. Worels.

20,450. Was that all that you received?—Yes, that is all.

20,451. What are you?—A labourer.

B. Axon.

JAMES THOMAS BAKER sworn and examined.

20,452. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A fish vendor.

20,453. Where do you live?—York Street, Walmer Road.

20,454. How much did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

20,455. From whom?—Mr. Makins.

20,456. Was that all that you received?—Yes, that was all.

J. T. Baker.

HENRY BARRETT sworn and examined.

20,457. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

20,458. Where do you live?—Walmer Road, and I keep the "Lord Nelson."

20,459. What did you receive for your vote?—I do not know about my vote. I received the same as the rest.

20,460. 3*l.*?—Yes.

20,461. From whom?—Mr. Makins.

20,462. Is that all you received?—Well, I think there was something else; a little bow money, that is all.

20,463. How much was that?—30*s.*

20,464. Who paid that?—Mr. Usher paid that, I think.

20,465. Are Mr. Makins and Mr. Usher both on the same side?—Yes, I think so.

20,466. What do you mean by "bow money"; was that to get bows?—Decorating.

20,467. It was paying you for putting up colours?—No, to give out to customers, and that sort of thing.

20,468. Did you supply the rosettes?—Yes.

20,469. You gave colours to some of your customers, and they paid you 30*s.* for doing it?—Yes.

20,470. Is that all that you received?—Yes, that is all.

20,471. (*Mr. Journ.*) Mr. Usher gave you 30*s.* to lay out in bows?—No, we sent in the bill afterwards.

20,472. You sent in the bill to Mr. Usher?—Yes, to Mr. Usher, I believe.

20,473. (*Mr. Turner.*) What do you say you are?—A licensed victualler.

20,474. It is not your duty to make bows?—It does not matter what you do at election time.

20,475. Had you a room?—Yes.

20,476. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How much did you really spend in bows?—I cannot get at that so as to go into the items.

20,477. Not quite 30*s.*, was it?—There would be a bit of a come-short, I suppose.

20,478. Did they take a room at your house?—Yes.

20,479. You got paid for that as well?—Yes.

20,480. You should have told us that. What did you get?—5*l.* I do not know the gentleman who paid it, but Mr. Olds was concerned in it.

20,481. You got 5*l.* for your room, and 3*l.* for your vote?—I do not know what it was for at all. That was a little Godsend.

20,482. And you got 30*s.* for the rosettes?—Yes.

20,483. Is that all that you received; and just think it over, because do not keep anything back. Tell me anything that you received on any account?—Mine was such a curious affair, you see, that I can hardly think of it.

H. Barrett.

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20,484. Just think about it quietly?—There was a little noise about a pole. I made a little bother about it and got a sovereign for it. There was a pole erected outside my house.

20,485. And you asked to be paid for the use of the ground?—There was a trifle allowed for each house where there was a pole erected.

20,486. A pole was put up outside your house, and they gave you a sovereign because the pole was outside your house?—No, it was not that.

20,487. Tell us what it was?—There was gear taken off, and the whole of the stays were taken away before the poll was hardly up. I made a little bother about it, and I said I wanted the same as anybody else.

20,488. It was not your pole?—No, but a certain amount was allowed for a pole to each house.

20,489. It was not your pole, and you did not put it up?—No.

20,490. (*Mr. Turner.*) Who did you get the 1*l.* from?—From Mr. Makins, I think.

20,491. (*Mr. Holl.*) There was no reason for giving you the 1*l.*?—It was to make everybody alike.

20,492. To satisfy everybody?—Yes. Everything is fair at election times.

20,493. Is there anything else now that you had?—No.

20,494. Are you quite sure?—Yes, positive.

20,495. Was anybody treated at your house?—No, there was not a halfpenny spent in treating.

20,496. Nobody ever came to your room, I suppose?—No.

J. Brazier.

JOHN BRAZIER sworn and examined.

20,497. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Devonshire House, Walmer Road, opposite the South Barracks.

20,498. What are you?—A private marine.

20,499. What did you get for your vote?—3*l.*

20,500. From whom?—Thomas Barnes.

20,501. Did you receive anything else from anybody?—No.

20,502. Nothing at all?—No.

R. Brown.

REDMAN BROWN sworn and examined.

20,503. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A farmer and market gardener.

20,504. Where do you live?—60, High Street.

20,505. What did you receive for your vote?—Nothing.

20,506. Nothing at all?—No.

20,507. Not from anyone?—No, not from anyone, neither did I vote.

20,508. Did anybody canvass you?—No.

20,509. Did nobody canvass you at all?—No, not that I saw. They might have come to the house when I was not at home. I never saw them personally.

20,510. You were never offered anything?—No, and never voted.

20,511. Nothing was left at your house?—No, nothing.

20,512. None of your family received anything?—No.

R. J. Burnap.

RICHARD JOHN BURNAP sworn and examined.

20,513. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A house decorator.

20,514. Where do you live?—Belmont, Upper Walmer.

20,515. What did you receive for your vote?—I can give you no information respecting the election. I received nothing for my vote, neither did I vote. I know nothing respecting the election in any way.

20,516. Did any of your family receive anything?—No.

20,517. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

20,518. Was anything offered to you?—No, there was no offer.

20,519. Were you canvassed?—I was canvassed by both candidates, but I did not promise either gentleman.

20,520. And you did not vote?—No. I repeat again. I did not vote.

W. D. Bushell.

WALTER DIXON BUSHELL sworn and examined.]

20,521. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A confectioner.

20,522. Where do you live?—12, Strand, Walmer.

20,523. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

20,524. From whom?—James Makins.

20,525. Was that all you received?—Yes, that is all I received.

E. Cavell.

EDWARD CAVELL sworn and examined.

20,526. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A poulterer and fishmonger.

20,527. Where do you live?—Lower Walmer.

20,528. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

20,529. From whom?—James Makins.

20,530. Was that all you received?—Yes, that was all.

T. A. Burton.

THOMAS AARON BURTON sworn and examined.

20,531. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A carpenter and joiner.

20,532. Where do you live?—55, Middle Street.

20,533. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

20,534. From whom?—John James.

20,535. Did you receive anything more?—No.

20,536. Not from anyone?—No, not another farthing.

20,537. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Who is Mr. John James?—He is agent at Hodges's office. That is the man I had it from.

20,538. Do you know where he lives?—Along Beach Street; but I cannot tell you the number of the house.

20,539. Which side did he want you to vote—blue or yellow?—You know; I went the Conservative side. Crompton Roberts is what I went for.

W. Gunner.

WILLIAM GUNNER recalled and further examined.

20,540. (*Mr. Holl.*) You live at 123, High Street?—Yes.

20,541. Who did you get your money from?—Mr. Ralph.

20,542. 3*l.*?—Yes.

20,543. Anything more?—3*l.* more.

20,544. Who from?—Mr. Ralph.

20,545. Are they both the same man?—No, they are two different Ralphs. One is a blacksmith and the other keeps a public-house.

20,546. One to vote for the Conservatives, and the other to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

20,547. Did you tell us when you were here before that you had received those two sums?—Yes.

20,548. Are you sure?—Yes. I came twice.

20,549. The first time you came you said nothing, but only having received from one side?—You did not ask me.

20,550. (*Mr. Jeune.*) "Is that all you received" is what you were asked, and you said, "Yes, that is all"?—You never asked me.

20,551. However, you received from both sides?—Yes.

20,552. (*Mr. Holl.*) We find that you were examined twice, and on both occasions you swore that you only received one 3*l.* I will read what you said. You were examined the first time, and asked where you lived, and what you got for your vote, and you said that you got

3*l.* from Mr. Ralph; who did you get the other money from?—Mr. Ralph.

20,553. Two different Ralphs?—Yes.

20,554. You were asked, "What did you get at the last election," and you said "3*l.*" Then you are asked, "From whom," and you say, "Mr. Ralph." Then you are asked again, "Was that for your vote," and you say, "Yes." And then you are asked, "Is that all you received," and you say, "Yes, that is all"?—No, you did not ask me that.

20,555. I am reading from the shorthand writer's notes. That is what you said upon the first occasion. Then, upon the second occasion, your evidence is this:—
 "(Q.) You got money from more than one person, did you not? (A.) I do not know. (Q.) The last time you were here I think you told us so. (A.) Told you what? (Q.) That you got money from more than one person. (A.) Yes. (Q.) How many? (A.) Two, I think. (Q.) Who did you get it from? (A.) I do not know. (Q.) You must know. Who did you get the money from? (A.) I do not know I tell you. You have asked me twice. I tell you I do not know. (Q.) We shall be obliged to get you to come here again if you cannot tell us?" Then your answer is not a very polite one, "Then you can make me come here again if you like." Then you are told to answer

the question, and you are asked, "Did you get any money from J. J. Ralph," and you say, "It may be, but I do not know." Then you are asked again, "How is it you do not know? (A.) Because I did not see the man that put it there. (Q.) Where was it put? (A.) On the table. (Q.) In your house? (A.) No, not in my house. (Q.) Where was it put? (A.) On the table. (Q.) Where? (A.) In West Street. (Q.) But what house? (A.) I think it is the 'Locomotive' inn. (Q.) And you took it? (A.) Certainly I did." You told us that you did not know who you got the second 3*l.* from, and now you say to day it came from the other Ralph. Then you are asked again, "Do you mean to say you do not know who left it there. (A.) I do not. (Q.) Do you think it was left by J. J. Ralph? (A.) Very likely, I cannot say," Who gave you the first 3*l.*?—Mr. Ralph, in Beach Street.

20,556. What is his Christian name?—George.

20,557. Is he a blacksmith?—No, a publican. The other is the blacksmith.

20,558. Besides that, 3*l.* more was left at your house?—Yes.

20,559. And that was left by J. J. Ralph?—Yes.

20,560. Besides those two sums, did you get anything else?—No.

20,561. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

W. Ganner.

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WILLIAM DEAR sworn and examined.

W. Dear.

20,562. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—A stableman.

20,563. Where do you live?—Middle Street, Deal.

20,564. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

20,565. From whom?—Mr. John Ralph.

20,566. Anything more?—No.

ALFRED CLARINGBOLD sworn and examined.

A. Claringbold.

20,567. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—A waterman.

20,568. Where do you live?—Canonbury Place.

20,569. What did you receive for your vote?—Nothing at all.

20,570. Are you sure?—I am sure.

20,571. Did you have anything offered to you?—I was employed as night watchman to look after poles and so on.

20,572. What did you get for it?—5*s.* a night.

20,573. How much was altogether?—3*l.* for 12 nights.

23,574. You got 3*l.* for 12 nights looking after poles?—Yes, and I earned it.

20,575. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

20,576. Who did you get it from?—Henry Axon.

20,577. (Mr. Jeune) When were you paid that 3*l.*?—Every day.

20,578. Five shillings every day?—Every morning or evening when I liked to go for it.

20,579. (Mr. Holl.) Do you mean to tell us that you really watched all night?—Watched, of course, to keep the enemy from cutting the guys about.

20,580. Do you really say that you watched all night for 12 nights?—Yes, of course I watched. There was plenty of time to sleep in the day, was there not?

20,581. Do you mean to swear you did watch 12 nights?—Yes, of course.

20,582. But it is not "of course"?—We took it in watches each night.

20,583. How long did you watch each night?—It was not very long.

20,584. How long will you undertake to say that you watched each night?—From dark till daylight.

20,585. (Mr. Turner.) From when?—From the 6th to the 18th.

20,586. But from what time?—As soon as dark set in. In fact I was walking about in the daytime as well, some hours in the daytime.

20,587. (Mr. Holl.) Just remember what you are saying. Do you mean to swear that you watched for 12 nights successively the poles?—Yes, and I should like to watch 12 nights more.

20,588. I did not ask you that. Do not prevaricate because you will be leading one to suppose you are not telling the truth?—But I am telling the truth.

20,589. Do you mean to swear that you did watch 12 nights successively those poles?—Yes, I do.

20,590. (Mr. Jeune.) How long did you watch each night?—From dark to daylight.

20,591. How many hours?—I daresay it might have been six or seven hours.

20,592. Never mind what it might have been. How many hours did you watch each night?—Six or seven hours according to the time it was between dark and daylight. It depended whether it got dark late or got light early.

20,593. Do you mean that you sat up six or seven hours in the middle of the night?—I would be walking about to and fro from pole to pole.

20,594. Did you catch anybody trying to injure the poles?—They were caught.

20,595. Did you catch anybody?—I did not catch anybody, but some of our party did. We had one cut adrift.

20,596. (Mr. Holl.) We have had one witness before us who told us fairly enough that what he did was to look at the poles the last thing at night, and the first thing in the morning. Do you mean to swear that is not what you did yourself, to have a look at them once or twice we will say. You do not mean to say that you were up all night?—I had to go and watch them, and I was paid for it.

20,597. Do you mean to say that you did sit up all night watching these poles?—I do.

J. Sneller.

JAMES SNELLER sworn and examined.

20,598. (Mr. Holl.) What are you?—A mariner.

20,599. Where do you live?—No. 4, North Street, Deal.

20,600. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

20,601. From whom?—Mr. Wilds.

20,602. Anything else?—No.

20,603. Did you receive any more money at all?—No.

20,604. Any money for anything?—No, nothing else.

20,605. Are you sure that was all that you received from anyone?—Yes.

K. A. Gibbons.

KENRICK AUGUSTUS GIBBONS sworn and examined.

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20,606. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Nothing at all—a gentleman.

20,607. Where are you living?—Now I am living at Fairlight, Upper Deal, but when the election took place I was living at No. 1, Beach Street.

20,608. What did you receive for your vote?—Nothing at all.

20,609. Not from anyone?—No.

20,610. Did you receive any money in connexion with the election?—No.

20,611. Nothing at all?—No.

20,612. Did you have any offer of anything?—No, I did not know anything about the members; I did not see them.

20,613. You voted?—Yes, I voted.

20,614. Did no one canvass you?—I believe they called at my house, but I did not see them.

20,615. Was any money left at your house?—No, nothing at all.

A. Firminger.

ALFRED FIRMINGER sworn and examined.

20,616. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

20,617. Where do you live?—Mill Road.

20,618. What did you receive for your vote?—5*l.*; my son gave it to me.

20,619. From whom did your son get it?—I know nothing about where it came from.

20,620. (*Mr. Turner.*) For whom did you vote?—Mr. Roberts.

20,621. Is that all that you got?—Yes, that it all.

E. D. Darby.

EDWIN DANBY DARBY sworn and examined.

20,622. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A baker.

20,623. Where do you live?—No. 4, Smith's Folly, Hight Street.

20,624. What did you receive for your vote?—5*l.*

20,625. From whom?—Mr. Ramell.

20,626. What more did you receive?—Nothing more; not a farthing.

20,627. Not from anybody?—No, not from anyone.

J. Carpenter.

JOHN CARPENTER sworn and examined.

20,628. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Armoury sergeant of the Royal Marines.

20,629. Where do you live?—26, Gladstone Road.

20,630. What did you receive for your vote?—Nothing.

20,631. Not from anyone?—No, I did not require it.

20,632. Was nothing left at your house?—No, nothing at all.

20,633. Did you receive any offer?—No, Captain Roberts canvassed me, and I told him I was a Conserva-

tive and did not require it. I voted for the honour of my country, and not for paltry lucre.

20,634. Did you receive anything?—No, nothing at all in any shape or form.

20,635. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Did Captain Roberts offer you anything?—No.

20,636. How came you to say that you voted for the honour of your country?—The moment he asked me I said in a moment, "I do not want any canvassing because I am a Conservative."

T. Cross.

THOMAS CROSS sworn and examined.

20,637. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mariner.

20,638. Where do you live?—In the New Cut, Walmer Road.

20,639. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

20,640. From whom?—John Makins.

20,641. Did you get anything more?—No.

20,642. Nothing more for anything?—No, nothing.

J. R. Dixon.

JOHN ROBERT DIXON sworn and examined.

20,643. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A licensed pilot under the Honourable Corporation of the Trinity House.

20,644. Where do you live?—In Deal.

20,645. Have you any more specific address than Deal?—3, Cannon Street.

20,646. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No, nothing whatever.

20,647. Did you receive any money at all for anything?—No, nothing whatever.

20,648. (*Mr. Turner.*) Nothing in the shape of thing instead of money?—No, nothing at all.20,649. (*Mr. Holl.*) Has anybody ever received anything on your behalf?—No, not to my knowledge. I believe not, and I have every reason to believe not. I will answer for my wife; nothing whatever.

20,650. There has been no suggestion of that kind?—I know of nothing, and I do not suppose there is.

20,651. You have heard of nothing of that kind?—No, nothing.

20,652. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Mackie and Mr. Haines.

20,653. Did they offer you anything?—No, not the slightest kind of anything; oh, dear no.

W. S. Eagle.

WILLIAM SPRATT ELGAR sworn and examined.

20,654. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A pilot.

20,655. Where do you live?—98, High Street.

20,656. What did you receive for your vote?—Nothing.

20,657. Were you canvassed at all?—No.

20,658. Were you offered anything?—No; nobody canvassed me.

20,659. Did you vote?—Yes.

20,660. Did you get anything in any shape?—No, not yet form.

G. L. Hall.

GEORGE LANCELOT HALL sworn and examined.

20,661. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A school-master.

20,662. Where do you live?—Canada Place.

20,663. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

20,664. Anything else?—No.

20,665. From whom did you receive it?—Thomas Barnes.

20,666. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where does Mr. Barnes live?—The "Cambridge Arms," Walmer.*E. Hougham.*

EDWIN HOUGHAM sworn and examined.

20,667. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gasfitter.

20,668. Where do you live?—Walmer Road.

20,669. What did you receive?—6*l.*20,670. How did you receive it?—3*l.* from Mr. Philips, and 3*l.* from Mr. David Axon.

20,671. Anything more?—No.

20,672. One from the Conservatives and the other from the Liberals?—Yes.

WILLIAM HOILE sworn and examined.

W. Hoile.

20,673. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A Marine pensioner.

20,676. From whom?—Thomas Barnes.

20,677. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

20,678. That was for your vote.

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JOHN HUGHES sworn and examined.

J. Hughes.

20,679. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—North Sea pilot.

20,683. That was for your vote?—For my vote, I suppose.

20,680. Where do you live?—York Road.

20,684. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

20,681. What did you receive?—3*l*.

20,682. From whom did you receive it?—James Mackins.

JOHN LAKER sworn and examined.

J. Laker.

20,685. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bootmaker.

20,688. From whom?—Mr. Licence.

20,686. Where do you live?—94, Middle Street.

20,689. For your vote?—I suppose so.

20,687. What did you receive?—3*l*.

20,690. Did you receive anything else?—No.

GEORGE MAXTED sworn and examined.

G. Maxted.

20,691. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gardener.

20,697. You did not vote?—No, I never went at all.

20,692. Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

20,698. What did Minter offer you?—He said he would give me 3*l*. if I went, and I told him, no, I should not go.

20,693. What did you receive?—Nothing at all.

20,694. In no shape whatever?—No, and I never voted at all. I never had anything to do not with any one of them.

20,699. And you did not go?—No, I did not go at all, neither for Mr. Roberts nor for Sir Julian Goldsmid.

20,695. Were you offered anything?—A man offered money if I liked to go, and I said, no, I would have nothing to do with it at all.

20,700. And you never received anything?—No, nothing at all. I never had, and I said I never would.

20,696. Who was that man?—Minter. I said I never did have anything to vote, and I never would.

20,701. You are a credit to the town?—I never have and I never would.

WILLIAM THOMAS MOSS sworn and examined.

W. T. Moss.

20,702. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.

20,706. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

20,703. Where do you live?—Walmer Road.

20,707. Did you get anything else at all?—No.

20,704. What did you receive?—3*l*.

20,705. From whom?—Mr. Mackins.

BENJAMIN WALLACE NEWTON sworn and examined.

B. W. Newton.

20,708. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A baker.

20,712. For your vote?—Yes.

20,709. Where do you live?—York Street.

20,713. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else whatever.

20,710. What did you receive?—3*l*.

20,714. Is Benjamin Newton your son?—Yes.

20,711. From whom?—Mr. Mackins.

BENJAMIN NEWTON sworn and examined.

B. Newton.

20,715. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A baker.

20,719. For your vote?—Yes.

20,716. With your father?—Yes.

20,720. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

20,717. What did you receive?—3*l*.

20,718. Did you receive that from Mr. Mackins?—No, from Mr. Barnes.

WILLIAM OATRIDGE sworn and examined.

W. Oatridge.

20,721. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A waterman in my young days.

20,725. Did you receive anything else?—No.

20,722. Where do you live?—No. 7, Silver Street.

20,726. Was it Alderman Ralph's wife?—Yes.

20,723. What did you receive?—3*l*.

20,727. I suppose it was for your vote?—Yes. They gave it to my missus.

20,724. From whom?—My wife received it from from Mrs. Ralph of Alfred Square.

20,728. Did you receive anything else?—No.

WILLIAM SPICER sworn and examined.

W. Spicer.

20,729. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fly proprietor and pork butcher, 149, High Street.

20,739. Who was the man?—Stop a minute, and I will tell you.

20,730. Did you receive anything?—No.

20,740. But you are not likely to forget?—I cannot think of his name. He wanted to have my name put down, and I said, no.

20,731. In no shape whatever?—No.

20,732. Were you offered anything?—No. My carriages were employed.

20,741. Upon which side was it?—The Conservative party. His name was Adams. He asked me to have my name put down, and I said, no.

20,733. I am asking you whether you received anything for your vote?—No, not a farthing.

20,734. Were you canvassed by anybody?—Yes, by several.

20,742. What for—a sum of money?—I do not know, but I said, "I will not have my name put down," and never would have my name brought before the gentlemen.

20,735. On both sides?—Yes.

20,736. Did you receive anything except for your flies?—No, I should think not.

20,737. Nothing at all?—No, I never would demean myself by taking anything. I could have had it if I had liked.

20,743. You did not know we were coming then?—No, but the other gentlemen in the town. A good many did not think this was coming off, or else they would not have said what they did.

20,738. Who offered it to you?—A man asked me if I would have anything, and I said, No.

20,744. You say that you took nothing beyond payment for your flies?—That is all.

E. S. Parker.

EDWARD STEPHEN PARKER sworn and examined.

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20,745. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A lodging-house keeper.
 20,746. Where do you live?—Strand, Walmer.
 20,747. What did you receive?—3*l*.

20,748. Who from?—*Mr. Mackins.*
 20,749. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.
 20,750. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

H. Parker.

HARRY PARKER sworn and examined.

20,751. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 20,752. Where do you live?—York Street, Walmer.
 20,753. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 20,754. From whom?—*Mr. Mackins.*

20,755. For your vote?—I do not know; he never told me what for.
 20,756. You voted?—Yes, I voted.
 20,757. Did you receive anything else?—No.

J. Roche.

JAMES ROCHE sworn and examined.

20,758. (*Mr. Turner.*) Have you been examined before?—I am the son of James Roche who has been summoned, and I have to ask you to be kind enough to excuse my father; he is very infirm and 81 years of age.

20,759. We have had witnesses as old as he is here; but is he unable to come?—Yes.

20,760. Has your father told you whether he received any money?—He never did.

20,761. He has never told you?—I am sure he did not.

20,762. Did your father authorise you to say that?—Yes, I was with him the whole of the time.

20,763. Do you live with him?—Yes.

20,764. Your father might have received money while you were away?—Yes, for rents; but he has not been out for the last seven months.

20,765. Has your father authorised you to say that he received no money?—Yes, and I am sure of it.

20,766. You cannot be sure?—He told me so, because I asked him the question.

20,767. You are not a voter?—No.

20,768. Do you know anything about your brother?—Yes.

20,769. Where was he at the time of the election?—Staying at our house.

20,770. Did he vote?—Yes.

20,771. Do you know whether he received any money?—Yes, he received a sum of money, for which this is the receipt (*handing a paper*).

20,772. I see it runs thus: "Received of the Liberal Committee the sum of two pounds for expenses from London to Deal to vote. With thanks, James Roche, Clarence Villas, Lower Walmer"?—Yes.

20,773. Did he live there?—His house is No. 3, Clarence Villas, which he lets as a lodging-house, and he stayed with my father the short time that he was allowed to come down.

20,774. He received that money for his vote?—Yes.

20,775. (*Mr. Holl.*) Do you know whether he received anything more?—I put it to him, and he assured me, upon his word of honour, that he had not received a fraction beyond the 2*l*.

20,776. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Is this receipt in your brother's handwriting?—Yes.

20,777. Where did you get the paper from?—From Mr. Rose of the Strand.

20,778. You say that your brother has told you he received nothing besides?—Yes; he was only down the night before the election, and he went back the day after the election.

R. H. Selth.

RICHARD HOPKINS SELTH sworn and examined.

20,779. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A baker.

20,780. Where do you live?—150, Middle Street.

20,781. What did you receive?—Nothing at all.

20,782. Were you offered anything?—No.

20,783. Were you canvassed by anybody?—Sir Julian Goldsmid and Mr. Roberts called, but I did not see them, because I was not at home.

20,784. Did you vote?—Yes.

20,785. Did you receive nothing at all from anybody?—No.

20,786. In no shape whatever?—No, and never was offered anything.

J. Spelling.

JOSEPH SPELLING sworn and examined.

20,787. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.

20,788. Where do you live?—8, Cannon Street.

20,789. What did you receive?—3*l*.

20,790. From whom?—*Mr. Licence.*

20,791. Did you receive anything else?—No.

20,792. Was that for your vote?—I expect that is what it was for.

W. Ware.

WILLIAM WARE sworn and examined.

20,793. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A private in the Royal Marines.

20,794. Where do you live?—Walmer Road.

20,795. What did you receive?—3*l*.

20,796. From whom?—Thomas Barnes.

20,797. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

20,798. Was that for your vote?—Yes, for my vote.

20,799. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Before you had that 3*l*. were you canvassed by anybody?—Yes, but I was not at home at the time. My wife said someone had called.

20,800. Did you promise your vote to either side before you were paid anything?—No, I did not promise it to any one particular.

G. Woodward.

GEORGE WOODWARD sworn and examined.

20,801. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A coachman.

20,802. Where do you live?—High Street, Upper Walmer.

20,803. What did you receive?—3*l*.

20,804. From whom?—*Mr. Worels.*

20,805. Did you receive anything else?—No.

20,806. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.

J. Wood.

JOHN WOOD sworn and examined.

20,807. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A boatman.

20,808. Where do you live?—No. 9, York Street.

20,809. What did you receive?—I received nothing for my vote.

20,810. What did you receive for anything else?—I received for pole watching of a night 3*l*. from Mr. Axon.

20,811. How many nights?—12 nights.

20,812. Were you paid like the other men, 5*s*. a night?—Yes.

20,813. How long each night did you watch?—Sometimes it was after 11 o'clock, and sometimes 12 o'clock, and sometimes I went of a morning to have a look.

20,814. Sometimes at night you were not there at all?—There were plenty of times I was not there at all.

would be having a pint of beer now and then during the time. I could not be there always.

20,815. Some nights you were not watching at all?—Yes, every night.

20,816. How long on an average?—I cannot average it at all. I should rather lump it.

20,817. About an hour?—Perhaps more, perhaps two, and perhaps three hours.

20,818. And perhaps a little less?—Yes, perhaps a little less, and perhaps a little more.

20,819. Were you paid each night?—No, in two or three different instalments.

J. Wood.

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CULMER WILLIAM ALLEN sworn and examined.

C. W. Allen.

20,820. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—In Upper Deal.

20,822. By whom?—Mr. Moon.

20,823. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

20,821. What did you get at the election?—I had 3*l.* given to me.

20,824. Was that all that you got?—Yes, that was all that I got.

WILLIAM APPLETON sworn and examined.

W. Appleton.

20,825. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—In Beach Street.

20,834. I thought you got 5*l.* from Mr. Olds. for that?—Yes.

20,826. What is your occupation?—Licensed victualler.

20,835. Were you paid twice?—Each candidate had my house.

20,827. What did you get at the election?—5*l.*

20,828. From whom?—Mr. Olds.

20,836. How many committee rooms had they at your house?—They had two, and could have had three.

20,829. That was for your vote, I suppose?—For a committee room.

20,837. Did the other side ever come?—No.

20,830. A committee room at your house?—Yes.

20,838. Were you very careful to keep one room for one party and one room for the other party?—Yes.

20,831. Did they ever come to the committee room?—It was not used.

20,839. Neither of them came, so it did not much matter, did it?—No.

20,832. Did you get anything else?—4*l.* from Mr. Outwin.

20,840. Is that all that you got?—Yes, that is all.

20,841. What is the rent of your house?—18*l.*

20,833. That was for your vote?—No, for a committee room, not for a vote.

20,842. You got just half a year's rent?—More than that.

JOHN CLAYSON ARCHER sworn and examined.

J. C. Archer.

20,843. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

20,846. From whom?—From Mr. Benjamin Wood.

20,844. What is your occupation?—A groom.

20,847. That was after your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

20,845. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

20,848. Did you get anything else?—No.

JAMES BARWICK sworn and examined.

J. Barwick.

20,849. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—174, High Street.

20,852. From whom?—Mr. Wise.

20,850. What is your occupation?—A fancy dealer.

20,853. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes, I suppose so.

20,851. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

20,854. Did you get anything else?—No.

JAMES BEST sworn and examined.

J. Best.

20,855. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—At Middle Deal.

20,859. What is his name?—I do not know. I never saw the man before.

20,856. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

20,860. Which side was that to vote for?—Mr. Roberts.

20,857. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

20,861. Is that all that you got?—Yes.

20,858. From whom?—From the waiter at the "New Inn."

20,862. Of any kind?—Yes.

WILLIAM BRETT sworn and examined.

W. Brett.

20,863. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Silver Street.

20,867. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I believe so.

20,864. What is your occupation?—A painter.

20,865. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

20,868. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

20,866. From whom did you get it?—Mr. Langley.

EDWARD LAW BRIDGE sworn and examined.

E. L. Bridge.

20,869. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—9, Wellington Place I did live, but I now live at 4, Granville Road.

20,881. So do I; but before that he said something, did he not?—No, I do not recollect that he did.

20,870. What is your occupation?—Photographer.

20,882. People do not hand out 3*l.* as a rule and walk away without saying a word?—I do not remember what he said.

20,871. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

20,883. Did he not say, "I suppose you are all right," or something of that kind?—He might have said so.

20,872. From whom?—He was quite a stranger to me. I should not know the gentleman again if I were to see him.

20,884. He must have done; you do not get 3*l.* every day in that way, and surely you must remember?—I do not remember.

20,873. He was not a Deal or a Walmer man?—No.

20,885. Come, try; it is quite impossible that you cannot remember?—I am sure if I were to meet the gentleman again I should not know him.

20,874. Did he tell you his name?—No.

20,886. It may be that you would not know him, but you must know what he said to you, and what you said to him. First of all, he was a stranger, and you were a little surprised to see him?—We passed the time of day, I suppose.

20,875. Who did he ask you to vote for?—Well, I do not think he asked me at all, but he knew I was a Conservative.

20,876. Did you have any talk with him?—No.

20,877. Where did you meet him?—At my house.

20,878. He came to your house?—Yes.

20,879. And asked to see you?—Yes.

20,880. When he saw you what did he say?—Well, I cannot tell you what he said, but he gave me the 3*l.*, I suppose, for my vote.

20,887. That is something; what happened then?—I cannot tell you, more than that he gave me 3*l.* for my vote.

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20,888. Surely you must be able to remember; the thing has never happened to you before or since, I suppose?—Of course I knew what he was come for.

20,889. How did you know that?—I do not remember what he did say.

20,890. But you must recollect it?—I received the 3*l.*, but I tell you he was quite a stranger to me, and I should not know the gentleman again.

20,891. That you have said several times, but what I want to know is what took place, because something must have happened?—I do not remember.

20,892. Did he tell you where he came from?—No.

20,893. Did he tell you who had sent him?—No.

20,894. Did he ask you which way you were going to vote?—I do not think he did, but he knew I was a Conservative.

20,895. How did he know that?—I had the Conservative colours outside my house.

20,896. He came in and saw you and said, "Good morning;" what did you say then?—I do not remember.

20,897. (*Mr. Turner*) Are you sure that he said, "Good morning"?—I cannot recollect.

20,898. (*Mr. Jeune*.) Come, come, you must recollect?—I do not indeed.

20,899. It is really quite impossible that you should not recollect?—I do not remember his saying anything.

20,900. (*Mr. Turner*.) Do you think it is likely that he said nothing?—No more than, "Good morning," or something like that.

20,901. (*Mr. Jeune*.) He did not walk into the room and say, "Good morning," hand you 3*l.*, and then turn round, and walk out again?—He might have asked me whether I was all right for that side. I have no doubt but what he did, but I do not remember it.

20,902. And you said, "Yes"?—Of course I did.

20,903. And he gave you the 3*l.*?—Yes.

20,904. What sort of looking man was he?—From what I can recollect of him he was a short stout man.

20,905. Light or dark?—Rather dark.

20,906. Have you ever seen him since?—No, never.

20,907. Did you ever see him again about the time of the election?—No, I never saw him since he came to my house, and I should not know him again if I did see him.

20,908. Did he look well-dressed and like a gentleman?—Just like a gentleman.

20,909. What is your present address?—4, Granville Road, right opposite the Castle.

20,910. You are quite sure he was not a Deal or Walmer man?—Yes, I am quite sure. He was a stranger to me.

H. Ashton.

HENRY ASHTON sworn and examined.

20,911. (*Mr. Jeune*.) Where do you live?—Telegraph Road.

20,912. Are you in the marines?—Yes, a sergeant in the Royal Marines.

20,913. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

20,914. From whom?—Mr. Myhill.

20,915. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

20,916. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

T. Brisley.

THOMAS BRISLEY sworn and examined.

20,917. (*Mr. Jeune*.) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

20,918. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

20,919. From whom?—Benjamin Wood.

20,920. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

20,921. Did you get anything else?—No.

G. Brown.

GEORGE BROWN sworn and examined.

20,922. (*Mr. Jeune*.) Where do you live?—7, Broad Street.

20,923. What is your occupation?—Photographer.

20,924. What did you get at the election?—Nothing whatever, and had nothing offered.

20,925. Was nothing offered to you at all?—No, there was nothing offered to me, or else I should have had it.

20,926. Did anybody canvass you at all?—No. One

man called when I was away upon the day of the election.

20,927. You were here the polling day?—No, I was not, only in the morning.

20,928. You never had the chance of getting anything?—No, I never had the chance, or else I should have taken it like many others.

20,929. Yes, like a great many others?—I should have had it if I had the chance.

E. L. Bridge.

EDWARD LAW BRIDGE recalled and further examined.

20,930. (*Mr. Jeune*.) You wish to add something to your evidence, I believe?—Yes. I just remember that a man of the name of Porter came with this gentleman, and perhaps he can give you more information about him than I can.

20,931. He came with the person who brought you the money?—Yes.

20,932. He came to your house?—Yes.

20,933. The money was not given at the "Fountain" inn?—No, at my own house.

20,934. It was not Mr. Rea?—No.

20,935. You know him?—Yes.

20,936. Whoever it was, Mr. Porter came with him?—Yes.

W. Brooksby

WILLIAM BROOKSBY sworn and examined.

20,937. (*Mr. Jeune*.) Where do you live?—188, Middle Street.

20,938. What is your occupation?—A pork butcher.

20,939. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

20,940. From whom?—Mr. Mackie.

20,941. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

G. R. Burton.

GEORGE RICHARD BURTON sworn and examined.

20,942. (*Mr. Jeune*.) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

20,943. What is your occupation?—A bricklayer.

20,944. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

20,945. From whom?—From Mr. Benjamin Wood.

20,946. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

20,947. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

J. H. Capps.

JOHN HATCH CAPPS sworn and examined.

20,948. (*Mr. Jeune*.) Where do you live?—1, Wellington Place.

20,949. What is your occupation?—Shipping clerk.

20,950. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

20,951. From whom?—Mr. Henry Spears.

20,952. For your vote?—Yes.

20,953. Anything else?—No.

CHARLES UPTON CAVELL sworn and examined.

C. U. Cavell.

20,954. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Street.

20,955. What is your occupation?—A fishmonger and poultryer.

20,956. What did you get at the election?—Not anything.

20,957. Did anybody offer you anything?—Not a penny.

20,958. Did you vote at all?—I did.

20,959. Did anybody canvass you?—Only Mr. Roberts called on me, I do not think anyone else did.

20,960. Mr. Roberts personally?—Yes.

20,961. Did any member of your family get anything?—Not that I know of.

20,962. Could they have got anything without your knowing it?—They did not get a penny, I believe.

20,963. Could they have got anything without your knowing it?—I have only one son. He has a vote, and he does not live far from me.

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EDWARD BROOKSBY CAVELL sworn and examined.

E. B. Cavell.

20,964. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—6, Prince's Street, Deal.

20,965. What is your occupation?—A carpenter.

20,966. What did you get at the election?—Nothing.

20,967. Nothing at all?—No.

20,968. Did anybody offer you anything?—No.

20,969. You were not promised anything?—No.

20,970. Did you ask anybody to give you anything?—No.

20,971. Who canvassed you?—I was not canvassed, I think, by either of the candidates. A gentleman called one evening to know how I was going, and I told him I was going to keep outside of it altogether.

20,972. Did you vote?—No.

HARRY CHITTY sworn and examined.

H. Chitty.

20,973. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—5, Duke Street.

20,974. What is your occupation?—A grocer's assistant.

20,975. What did you get at the election?—Nothing.

20,976. Did anybody offer you anything?—No.

20,977. Did you vote?—Yes.

20,978. Did anybody canvass you?—Yes.

20,979. Who?—Mr. Millen and a stranger.

20,980. Did they tell you you could get anything?—No.

20,981. They did not suggest that to you?—I told them I would promise my vote to no one, and the sooner canvassing was done with the better.

20,982. They did not say that there was anything to be got?—No. They went out of the house when they found they could get no encouragement.

HENRY COURT sworn and examined.

H. Court.

20,983. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Belmont Place, Upper Walmer.

20,984. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

20,985. From whom?—Mr. Wilds.

20,986. That was for your vote, of course?—Yes.

RICHARD COCKINGS sworn and examined.

R. Cockings.

20,987. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—185, High Street.

20,988. What is your occupation?—A jeweller.

20,989. What did you get at the election?—Nothing.

20,990. Nothing at all of any kind?—No.

20,991. Did anybody offer you anything?—No.

20,992. Did anybody in your house get anything?—No; there is nobody in the house except children.

20,993. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Roberts.

20,994. Did you vote?—Yes.

RICHARD COREY sworn and examined.

R. Corey.

20,995. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—17, Duke Street.

20,996. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

20,997. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

20,998. From whom?—I got it out of Mr. Kidner, at the "New" Inn.

20,999. Who gave it to you?—Nobody gave it to me; I took it off the table. I was told to take it off the table.

21,000. Who told you to take it off the table?—The waiter.

21,001. Were there many three pounds upon the table?—I was told to go in and get it.

21,002. When you went into the room did you see money upon the table?—Yes.

21,003. Was anybody there?—No.

21,004. Do you mean the room was empty?—There was no one in the room at all. I did not see anybody.

21,005. How much money was there upon the table?—3*l*.

21,006. Was that all?—Yes.

21,007. The waiter told you to go into the room, and there was no one there?—Yes, he told me to go in, and the money was for me.

21,008. You took the 3*l*., and walked out?—Yes, I took the 3*l*., and walked off.

21,009. Did you see anybody go into the room before you went in?—No; nor yet come out.

21,010. Do you know how the 3*l*. got there?—No, I do not know how it got there. I did not put it there.

21,011. Did they tell you who you were to vote for?—Mr. Roberts.

21,012. Who was there besides the waiter?—I did not see anybody at the time.

21,013. Who asked you to vote for Mr. Roberts; did the waiter?—Mr. Kidner asked how I was going to vote.

21,014. How came you to go to the "New Inn"?—I do not know about that.

21,015. Did anybody tell you to go there?—I called in there when I was coming back.

21,016. Did you go in there accidentally or to get this money?—I went in to get half a pint of beer.

21,017. And when you were in there what happened?—Then the waiter said, "There is something for you on the table."

21,018. Did he ask you to vote either way?—They knew how I would vote, I suppose, because I had a bow on.

21,019. What is the name of the waiter?—I do not know, and I do not know where he is.

21,020. Did you see Mr. Kidner there that day?—Yes, outside the door.

21,021. What day was it?—The day of the election.

21,022. There were several people about, I suppose? Yes, a good many.

21,023. I mean at the inn?—People kept going out and in. I did not stay there long.

21,024. The waiter told you to go into the room and get the 3*l*.?—He said there was some money for me.

21,025. And when you went in there was 3*l*. upon the table?—Yes, and I took it, and walked off.

21,026. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did Mr. Kidner ask you which way you were going to vote?—No, he could see which way I was going, I suppose, because he could see which bow I had on.

21,027. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You do not know the waiter's name?—No, and I do not know whether he is there now or not.

21,028. Did not Mr. Kidner ask you which way you were going to vote?—No.

21,029. I thought you said he did just now?—I said he could see how I was going to vote by the bow I had on.

H. Conley.

HENRY CONLEY sworn and examined.

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21,030. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—14, Dolphin Street.

21,031. What is your occupation?—A butcher.

21,032. What did you get at the election?—4*l.* 5*s.*

21,033. Who from?—I received it from two parties.

21,034. Who were the two parties?—One was a lad of the name of Baxter, and another was Mr. Thomas.

21,035. What did Baxter give you?—2*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

21,036. And Thomas the remainder?—Yes.

21,037. What did Baxter give it to you for?—For clerking.

21,038. On which side?—The Conservative side.

21,039. How long did you act as clerk?—Ten days.

21,040. Who engaged you?—Mr. Thomas.

21,041. And Baxter paid you?—Yes.

21,042. What was the other sum for—for clerking, too?—I was paid in two different lots.

21,043. What is your ordinary occupation?—A butcher.

21,044. What clerking did you do?—Directing envelopes, and writing letters.

21,045. For how long each day did you go and do that?—From 9 in the morning till 4 in the afternoon.

21,046. Where?—At the committee room in Oak Street, and at the "Royal Hotel."

21,047. Is that all you got?—Yes.

J. Cracher.

JOHN CRACKER sworn and examined.

21,048. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 3, Farrier Street.

21,049. What is your occupation?—Labourer.

21,050. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,051. From whom?—Mr. Ralph.

21,052. Which Mr. Ralph?—George Ralph, who keeps the public-house.

21,053. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

21,054. Did you get anything else?—No.

21,055. Nothing else of any kind?—No.

B.J. Couldery.

ROBERT JULIAN COULDERY sworn and examined.

21,056. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Deal.

21,057. What is your occupation?—Pianoforte tuner.

21,058. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,059. From whom?—Mr. Wise.

21,060. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes, I suppose so.

21,061. Anything else?—No.

J. Dawson.

JOHN DAWSON sworn and examined.

21,062. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—17, Coppen Street, Deal.

21,063. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

21,064. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,065. From whom?—Mr. Jones.

21,066. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so.

21,067. Did you get anything else?—No.

J. Durban.

JAMES DURBAN sworn and examined.

21,068. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—18, Water Street.

21,069. What is your occupation?—Boat builder.

21,070. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,071. From whom?—My brother Henry.

21,072. Who did he get it from?—Mr. Griggs, I believe.

21,073. That was for your vote, I suppose?—For

my vote, and paying expenses from London and back.

21,074. Was that all you got?—Yes.

21,075. What is your brother's Christian name?—Henry Cowell Durban.

21,076. Where does he live?—In High Street, but I cannot tell you the number.

21,077. (*Mr. Turner.*) You received nothing else?—No.*A. W. Eagle.*

ALFRED WILLIAM EAGLE sworn and examined.

21,078. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—8, Queen Street, Deal.

21,079. What is your occupation?—Clerk at the London and County Bank, Sandwich.

21,080. Did you get anything at the election?—No, nothing.

21,081. Were you offered anything?—No.

21,082. Did anybody canvass you?—Mr. Gaze Denne spoke to me about it.

21,083. Did you pay away any money yourself?—Nothing whatever.

21,084. Did you vote?—Yes.

21,085. Nobody received any money on your behalf or anything of that kind?—No, nothing whatever.

A. Ewell.

ALFRED EWELL sworn and examined.

21,086. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—2, Upper Queen Street, Deal.

21,087. What is your occupation?—Dairyman.

21,088. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,089. From whom?—Mr. Wise.

21,090. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes, I suppose so.

21,091. Did you get anything else?—No.

21,092. Nothing at all?—No.

F. Ewell.

FREDERICK EWELL sworn and examined.

21,093. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—2, Upper Queen Street, Deal.

21,094. What is your occupation?—Grocer.

21,095. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,096. From whom?—Mr. Wise.

21,097. Is that all you got?—Yes.

21,098. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

J. Eastman.

JOHN EASTMAN sworn and examined.

21,099. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—45, Middle Street.

21,100. What is your occupation?—A whitesmith.

21,101. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,102. From whom?—William Mackie.

21,103. That was for your vote, of course?—Yes.

21,104. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

WILLIAM FINNIS sworn and examined.

W. Finnis.

21,105. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—10, Duke Street.

21,109. What is his Christian name?—He is a butcher just across here.

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21,106. What are you?—A shoemaker.

21,110. The father of the witness we have just now examined?—Yes.

21,107. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,111. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

21,108. Who from?—Mr. Conley.

EDWARD HENRY FIRMINGER sworn and examined.

E. H. Firminger.

21,112. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Gladstone Road.21,116. You took 5*l.* of that for yourself, and paid 5*l.* to R. Firminger, S. Firminger, and J. Harvey?—Yes.

21,113. What is your occupation?—A gardener.

21,114. What did you get at the election?—5*l.* for myself, and 5*l.* apiece for three others.

21,117. Was that all the money you received in connexion with the election?—Yes.

21,115. Mr. Langley, of High Street, gave you 20*l.*?—Yes.

21,118. Who is Mr. J. Harvey?—Mr. Jesse Harvey.

WILLIAM FOULGATE sworn and examined.

W. Foulgate.

21,119. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—113, Beach Street.

pence. He said if I gave him sixpence it would not be for my vote.

21,120. What is your occupation?—A pensioner.

21,125. In fact you sold him a sixpence for 2*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes, that is it. He told me that he would buy the sixpence of me.21,121. What did you get at the election?—I received 8*l.* all but sixpence.

21,126. I dare say you would like to do it every day?—Yes, I thought it was very good pay.

21,122. From whom?—Mr. Langley.

21,123. That was for your vote, I suppose?—No; I gave him the sixpence so that it should not be for my vote.

21,127. That was the only transaction of the kind, I suppose?—That is all. That is every farthing I got. I asked whether there was any more to come, and they told me they did not know.

21,124. What was the 2*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* for?—For my six-

CORNELIUS CHARLES DONOVAN sworn and examined.

C. C. Donovan.

21,128. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—No. 1, Cannon Street.

21,131. Did anybody offer you anything?—No.

21,129. What is your occupation?—Toll collector at Deal Pier.

21,132. Did you vote?—Yes.

21,130. What did you get at the election?—Nothing.

21,133. Who canvassed you?—Nobody.

21,134. Neither directly nor indirectly did you get anything?—No, I was sick at the hospital at the time.

JAMES JOHN GOSLEY sworn and examined.

J. J. Gosley.

21,135. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—31, Victoria Road.

21,140. Trouble in voting?—No, I went to Deal with him several times.

21,136. What are you?—Nothing.

21,141. What did you do for the 3*l.*?—Canvassed.21,137. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* from Mr. Spears.

21,142. Who did you canvass?—Several.

21,138. Was that for your vote?—I promised my vote for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

21,143. Were you engaged to canvass?—No; he said if I helped him he would give me something for my trouble, and he gave me 3*l.*21,139. That was given for your vote?—I promised my vote, and I always keep my promise. He said I might have 3*l.* for my trouble.21,144. When did you get the 3*l.*?—The day after I voted.

21,145. Is that all you got?—Yes, that is all.

WILLIAM GRAVES sworn and examined.

W. Graves.

21,146. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Deal.21,151. Did you get anything else?—3*l.* from Stephen Norris.

21,147. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

21,152. That was for your vote too, I suppose?—I suppose so.

21,148. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,153. Did you get anything else?—No.

21,149. From whom?—Benjamin Wood.

21,150. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose so; I do not know what it was for.

JAMES GRAVES sworn and examined.

J. Graves.

21,154. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—16, Middle Street.

21,159. They were not for anything else?—No, not that I know of.

21,155. What is your occupation?—A currier.

21,160. Was Norris blue or yellow?—Blue, I think.

21,156. What did you get at the election?—6*l.*21,161. And Rea the other way?—Yes, I received 3*l.* off Mr. Rea, and there was 3*l.* left at my house.21,157. From whom did you get it?—3*l.* from Mr. Rea, and 3*l.* from Mr. Norris.

21,162. One was from one side, and one from the other, for your vote?—I do not know what it was for, but I suppose it was.

21,158. Both those sums were for your vote?—I do not know; I suppose so.

21,163. Is that all that you got?—Yes, that is all.

JAMES EDWARD GREEN sworn and examined.

J. E. Green.

21,164. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 1, St. Andrew's Road.

mention that I was going to my business one morning, and I met Mr. Evans, and he solicited my vote on behalf of Mr. Roberts, and I said (he knew my colour, of course) that I should be very happy to vote for Mr. Roberts, and I gave my promise. That is all, but I had no money.

21,165. What is your occupation?—Solicitor's clerk.

21,166. Did you get anything at the election?—No, not a farthing.

21,167. Were you employed in any way?—No, not in any way.

21,170. Did he not offer you anything?—No.

21,168. Did you vote?—Yes.

21,171. And you did not pay any money to anybody?

21,169. Were you canvassed by anybody?—I might

—No, not a farthing.

G. Griggs.

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GEORGE GRIGGS sworn and examined.

21,172. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Middle Deal.

21,173. What is your occupation?—Bricklayer.

21,174. What did you get at the election?—3*l.* off Mr. Wise.21,175. Did you get anything else?—Mr. Brown asked me if I was going to vote, and I said yes, and he gave me 3*l.* more.

21,176. That is Joseph Brown?—Yes. I had just come from Dover.

21,177. Both those sums were for your vote?—Well I came from Dover, and met Mr. Wise, and he asked me if I was going to vote, and I said, yes, and he gave me 3*l.* to vote. Then I did not know whether Mr. Brown was blue or yellow, and he asked me whether I was going to vote, and I said, yes, and he gave me 3*l.*, and took it.

21,178. Did you get anything else?—No.

21,179. Nothing else at all?—No, but I should like to have another chance like it.

J. Gurr.

JOHN GURR sworn and examined.

21,180. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—3, Canonbury Place.

21,181. What is your occupation?—A carpenter.

21,182. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,183. From whom?—Mr. Bales, clerk at Mr. Denne's.

21,184. That was for your vote?—Of course it was.

21,185. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

H. Carvey.

HARRY CARVEY sworn and examined.

21,186. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—2, Princess Street.

21,187. What is your occupation?—A shoemaker.

21,188. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,189. From whom?—Mr. Licence.

21,190. That was for your vote, of course?—Yes.

21,191. Did you get anything else from anybody?—No.

J. Arberry.

JOSEPH ARBERRY sworn and examined.

21,192. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—1, Sandhurst Place.

21,193. What is your occupation?—Insurance agent.

21,194. Did you get anything at the election?—3*l.*

21,195. From whom?—Mr. Langley, hairdresser, High Street.

21,196. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

21,197. Did you get anything else?—No.

J. Williams.

JOHN WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

21,198. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—No. 7, Peter Street.

21,199. What are you?—A labourer.

21,200. What did you get?—3*l.*

21,201. From whom?—Mr. Licence.

21,202. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes.

21,203. Did you get anything else?—No.

E. Pierce.

EDWARD PIERCE sworn and examined.

21,204. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—2, Belmont, Upper Walmer.

21,205. What is your occupation?—A cellarman.

21,206. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,207. From whom?—Uncle Worels, as we call him.

21,208. That was for your vote?—Yes.

21,209. Did you get anything else?—No.

T. Cork.

THOMAS CORK sworn and examined.

21,210. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Griffen Street, Deal.

21,211. What is your occupation?—I am a blue jacket.

21,212. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,213. From whom?—Mr. H. Spears.

21,214. That was for your vote?—I have every reason to believe so.

21,215. You understood that it was?—Yes.

21,216. Is that all that you got?—Yes, that is all.

J. B. Annall.

JOHN BATT ANNALL sworn and examined.

21,217. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—4, Sandhurst Place.

21,218. What is your occupation?—A police constable.

21,219. What did you get?—3*l.*

21,220. From whom?—Mr. Spears.

21,221. That was for your vote, I suppose?—No.

21,222. What was it for?—For the erection of a flagstaff in my garden. He paid me two days after the election.

21,223. Did they put up a flagstaff in your garden?—Yes.

21,224. (*Mr. Turner.*) Rent of the ground, was it?—Yes.21,225. (*Mr. Jeune.*) A goodish rent, was it not? What do you pay altogether?—10*l.*, but this is a different piece of ground.21,226. What do you hire the ground for?—10*l.* a year.

21,227. So that you got six years rent. Is that all the money you got?—Yes.

21,228. Did you vote?—Yes.

H. A. Brassey.

HENRY ARTHUR BRASSEY sworn and examined.

(*The Witness*) I have received a note from Mr. Baggalay, in which he states that the Commissioners requested I would bring with me all papers and accounts relating to subscriptions and other payments made by me in connexion with Sandwich, Deal, and Walmer since 1874. I have done that. I have a statement prepared for the whole of my expenditure in the borough since January 1875, and I have also prepared a short statement which I should like to read. It is a statement which has nothing to do with my expenditure since 1874, but it has to do with the 1868 and 1874 elections.

21,229. (*Mr. Holl.*) According to our impression we have no power to inquire into the elections prior to 1880?—It was only a statement I wished to make in

contradiction of some evidence given by Mr. Crompton Roberts with regard to my expenditure on that occasion.

22,230. As we are not in a position to go into the question entirely with regard to the elections prior to the general election of 1880, we think we are not entitled to hear ex parte statements of one side or the other?—Under those circumstances, of course, I shall not press it. I have here a list of all my subscriptions in the borough from the 1st of January 1875, and also a list of miscellaneous payments which I have made in the borough. (*Handing it the Commissioners.*) I shall be happy to offer any explanation with respect to any of the items.

22,231. You were a candidate in conjunction with

Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen for the borough of Sandwich at the general election of 1880?—Yes.

21,232. And at that election you were returned together with him without any contest?—Yes.

21,233. Look at those returns (*handing same to witness*). Those are the returns of the expenses of the General Election 1880, the one for Sandwich and the other for Deal and Walmer?—Yes.

21,234. Do the amounts which are returned there represent the whole of the money which was expended on behalf of yourself and Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen at that election?—In regard to this statement for Sandwich I think I sent my agent, Mr. Emmerson, instead of a cheque for 36*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.*, a cheque for 37*l.*

21,235. What was the difference in respect of—can you remember?—I think I sent a cheque for 37*l.*; and the difference is explained in this way in a letter from Mr. Emmerson, which says, "You sent in a cheque for 37*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* to discharge the expenses mentioned in the statement, namely, 36*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*" (which is the amount) "and the balance, 14 guineas, was to remain in my hands to meet any general expenses, not election, that might come along."

21,236. Then you, in point of fact, sent him, in payment of the account rendered, 36*l.*, a cheque for 37*l.*?—Yes, 37*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*

21,237. And left the balance in his hands for the purpose of meeting any general expenses that might come along?—Yes, that is the explanation.

21,238. I do not know whether you are aware how that balance of 14 guineas was really spent or not?—I have no knowledge whatever.

21,239. You left that in his hands for expenses not election expenses?—Yes, entirely.

21,240. Then with regard to the Deal and Walmer account; does that represent the whole of the amount for expenses in respect of Deal and Walmer in that election?—No, I think I spent 36*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*; I think that was the amount.

21,241. The amount of the returned expenses is how much?—199*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*

21,242. And you sent to Mr. Edwards a cheque for 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*?—Yes.

21,243. In respect of what was the difference between 199*l.* and 360*l.* sent?—I see that in this account Mr. Edwards only charges 100*l.* for agency, and he omitted apparently to put down a second hundred that he thought he was entitled to in respect of agency, I believe, and previous services—1874 to 1880 I believe that is.

21,244. Had Mr. Edwards intimated to you that he thought he was entitled or had a claim to 100*l.* in addition to the 100*l.* mentioned in the expenses?—I do not recollect his ever mentioning the subject to me, but apparently he thought he was entitled to the same agency as Mr. Emmerson, and he omitted to make an entry of that amount in the list which he returned. I see Mr. Emmerson puts down 200*l.* for agency, whereas Mr. Edwards only puts down 100*l.*, and it appears he thought he was entitled to the same amount as Mr. Emmerson though he failed to enter it in his return.

21,245. Mr. Emmerson had charged in the returned expenses 200*l.* as his agency fee, had he?—Yes.

21,246. Each candidate 100*l.*?—Yes.

21,247. And Mr. Edwards, in the returned expenses, is put down for 100*l.* only?—Yes.

21,248. Had Mr. Edwards intimated to you in any way or conveyed to you in any way his opinion or desire or impression that he ought to have 200*l.*?—I do not recollect his ever mentioning the subject to me in any way.

21,249. From what was it you derived the impression or idea that he thought he ought to have 200*l.* instead of 100*l.*?—I thought he was entitled to the same amount as Mr. Emmerson.

21,250. Did the view that he was entitled to the same amount as Mr. Emmerson, as far as you can remember, emanate from him or from you?—I think from him.

21,251. Do you remember how that impression or idea that he had that impression was conveyed to you?—I wrote a short time ago to Mr. Edwards, expecting to have to appear before the Commissioners, for an explanation, and he states this: "If any question is asked as to the difference in the amount returned by Mr. Emmerson, of Sandwich, as agent, 200*l.*, and the amount returned by Mr. Edwards of Deal, as agent, 100*l.*, the same sum of 200*l.* was paid to Mr. Edwards as to Mr. Emmerson, but Mr. Edwards only returned as agency for the 1880 election 100*l.*, and considered

"the other 100*l.* as for agent's services from election 1874 to election 1880."

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21,252. What I do not quite gather is this: Had Mr. Edwards made any request to you for payment in respect of the agency services from 1874 to 1880 on any occasion; or said that he thought he ought to have an agency fee equivalent to that which Mr. Emmerson had received?—I have no recollection of it.

21,253. Had he made any request of that kind to you which induced you to give him the additional 100*l.*?—No, I thought it seemed a very reasonable thing that he should have it.

(Mr. Emmerson.) Might I say one word, sir, not with a view of helping Mr. Brassey, but only to save you trouble if I can?

(Mr. Holl.) What is it you wish to say?

(Mr. Emmerson.) That Mr. Edwards on a former occasion received 100*l.* from each candidate, just in the same way as I had done, and therefore it was supposed that on this occasion it would be the same. I did not confer with Mr. Edwards as to the amount I should charge in the return of Sandwich, but I put it in as a matter of course as the amount I expected to receive, but Mr. Edwards omitted to do so. I believe it was more an omission than anything else, but it was fully understood it should be the same as on former occasions.

21,254. (Mr. Holl.) As matter of fact, had Mr. Edwards on previous occasions always received 200*l.*?—I think so to the best of my knowledge. I think Mr. Edwards just sent me a memorandum stating generally, not specifically, what the amount would be.

21,255. Can you remember whether, or not, you received any communication, either directly or indirectly from Mr. Edwards, intimating to you that there had been any omission in inserting 100 guineas instead of 200, or any intimation he considered he was fairly entitled to 200 guineas instead of 100 as an equivalent fee to that which Mr. Emmerson received for his services as agent. Was it in consequence of any intimation from him or of your own motion that you paid him the second 100*l.*?—He simply sent me a sort of general statement of what the expenses amounted to, and I sent him a cheque down, and the other day I wrote and asked him for a more detailed explanation.

21,256. In the general statement he sent you of what the expenses amounted to; did he enter his fee as 100 guineas or 200 guineas?—I think he entered it as 100 guineas.

21,257. I want, as far as I can, to ascertain from you whether you can tell how it was that you sent him 200 guineas instead of 100. Was it in consequence of any intimation you received from him that he thought he ought to have that sum or your own idea?—He just sent me a sort of general memorandum of what the election expenses amounted to, and I then sent a cheque without making any further inquiry about it.

21,258. Was it your own view that he ought to receive the same as Mr. Emmerson?—Certainly; I can see no reason for making any difference at all.

21,259. Then adding that 100*l.* to the 199*l.* would make the amount payable to Mr. Edwards 299*l.* odd?—Yes.

21,260. I see you sent a cheque for 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*; can you tell us what the difference between the 299*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* and the 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* was in respect of?—It appears to be accounted for thus, "The sum of 60*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* was received by Mr. Edwards to pay for the expenses of Mr. Hugessen's farewell address; a small hotel account at the 'Star and Garter,' in May 1880, and to satisfy claims in Mr. Edwards's discretion of the newspapers, telegram, Mercury, and Chronicle from 1874 to 1880 being for articles, reports, and papers of which no account has been rendered. Mr. Edwards has not paid any of the newspapers in respect of these matters."

21,261. Have you any account whatever of the items making up this 60*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*?—I have not.

21,262. How is it that this precise sum 60*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* was fixed upon. Had you no account rendered to you?—Nothing whatever.

21,263. Why should you fix upon 60*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*?—He appears to have some of it in hand as far as I can gather from this. He does not appear to have discharged all.

21,264. Why should you send him a cheque for 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* unless you had had some specific account—was there any account or any intimation from him at all as to what amount was necessary?—No; he sent me, I think, just a general statement of the election expenses, so much agency and so forth, a general statement of that sort, and I immediately sent him a cheque.

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21,265. Do I understand you to say that you think he sent you an account?—He sent me, to the best of my recollection in a letter, just a sort of general statement of the expenses of the 1880 election, agency, &c. I think those were the whole of the items amounting to 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, and I sent a cheque.

21,266. Do I understand you to mean this, that he had sent you some statement in which he represented that expenses had been incurred in one way or the other to the extent of 60*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*; did he mention that sum?—No, he did not particularise the 60*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* He made a general statement that the election expenses amounted to 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, agency, &c., no details beyond that to the best of my recollection. He sent me a letter I think in June, and I sent him back a cheque.

21,267. Do I understand that you received from him a letter or memorandum in which he represented that the election expenses amounted to 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*—According to the statement, yes. I think I have already accounted for—

21,268. What I want to gather from you is this:—Had you received from him, before you sent this cheque, any account, memorandum, or letter, in which he represented that was the sum due; was it in consequence of that you sent a cheque, or did you send a cheque for that amount of your own motive?—He sent me a general statement, saying the election expenses in connexion with Mr. Huggessen and my own election, agency, &c. amounted to 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, and I sent him a cheque for that amount, and only the other day I wrote to him for a more detailed explanation.

21,269. You say you sent him a cheque for this precise amount, because it was the amount mentioned in his letter to you?—Exactly.

21,270. Can you give any explanation of whether that was made up of the returned expenses, and an additional 100*l.* for himself, or did he merely make a general statement?—A general statement.

21,271. Then I gather from what you say that in point of fact the reason why you sent a cheque for 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, instead of 199*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*, was that Mr. Edwards had sent you a letter or memorandum stating that that was the total amount which was due in respect of the expenses which he had incurred, or had to meet?—Yes.

21,272. And you took his statement for it?—I took his word for it.

21,273. You took his statement as accurate, and sent a cheque accordingly?—Yes, precisely.

21,274. So that with regard to 100*l.* of the difference it was in respect of the additional 100*l.* to make Mr. Edwards' fee up to Mr. Emmerson's, and with regard to the rest of the difference, 60*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*, it was in respect of those matters he had to meet, and you took his statement for granted?—Yes.

21,275. I see that, in this memorandum you have handed to me there is a reference made to a small cheque of 7*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, for the expenses of the Liberal Association. That I take it was a separate cheque to the cheque for 360*l.*?—Yes; that was a separate payment.

21,276. Then there is a cheque for 116*l.* for several accounts paid by the election agent. What were those accounts, do you know?—I believe that those were the agency accounts for 1879.

21,277. Registration?—Registration and general subscriptions, and so forth.

21,278. Is this correct, so far as you know, "that out of this amount of 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, the principal payments are for the Liberal Association for rent, rates, taxes, and housekeeper, 47*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*?"—I believe so.

21,279. And the remainder for subscriptions for the year 1879?—I believe that is so.

21,280. Now the cheque that was sent to Mr. Emmerson for 378*l.*, and the cheque to Mr. Edwards for 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, and these two cheques that are here alluded to of 7*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, for expenses of the Liberal association, and 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, for expenses of subscriptions and rent, rates and taxes, and housekeeper; are they all the moneys which were expended in connexion with the election of 1880, or the expenses which have been properly incurred?—Yes, that represents everything.

21,281. Was anything more whatsoever, as far as you are aware, expended in connexion with the election itself than two sums of 378*l.* and 360*l.* which you sent to Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Edwards respectively?—Not to my knowledge.

21,282. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.

21,283. In any way or at any time?—No; not in connexion with the election.

21,284. Then these two sums of 7*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* and 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* are expenses, I gather, connected with your political position in connexion with the borough?—Yes.

21,285. But not connected directly with the election itself?—No.

21,286. Do I understand that this cheque for 7*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* and the cheque for 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* are independent cheques in addition to the 360*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*?—Yes, quite independent of that. I think I have given you a detailed list of all my subscriptions up to that period.

21,287. Does this detailed list which you have handed to us include the 116*l.*?—I think not.

21,288. (Mr. Jeune.) That sum of 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* does not include items which are shown either in the list of subscriptions or in this which is called a list of other payments?—I think not.

21,289. When was the cheque for 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* given?—It was given subsequently to the cheque for 360*l.* I think a fortnight or three weeks later.

21,290. When was the cheque for 360*l.* given?—I think in June. Yes, June.

21,291. Then the 116*l.* cheque was paid some time in July?—I think so.

21,292. Was it paid by a cheque to Mr. Edwards?—Yes.

21,293. In consequence of a request of his?—Yes.

21,294. By letter?—By letter.

21,295. Have you got that letter?—I do not think I have.

21,296. What did Mr. Edwards tell you the cheque for 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* was for?—The only explanation I have is contained in that memorandum I have handed to you. I wrote to him the other day and got that in answer.

21,297. (Mr. Holl.) As to 47*l.* odd, it is rent, rates, taxes, and housekeeper, and expenses of the Liberal Association, and the balance is subscriptions?—Yes. I am not able to offer any further explanation.

21,298. (Mr. Jeune.) When Mr. Edwards wrote to you for this 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, did he tell you what it was for, or not?—I think not. I think he mentioned generally for expenses, and I think he did mention something in reference to the Liberal Association expenses, but I am afraid I have not preserved that paper. I think when he wrote to me he made a sort of general statement that it was for expenses in connexion with the Liberal Association, and gave a similar explanation, I think, to the one I have offered to the Commissioners.

21,299. You do not remember whether he specified what that 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* was for?—I do not.

21,300. Only you think he told you it was for the Liberal Association outlay; rents, rates, taxes, and so on?—I could not say positively whether he did. I make think he made a sort of general statement.

21,301. Are you in the habit of sending to Mr. Edwards, from time to time, money on a general account of that kind?—He generally sends me a detailed account, generally a complete detail of the account. I have got his accounts here as they have been handed to me from year to year, which will show you, I think, I have generally received his accounts in that sort of form (handing same to the Commissioners).

21,302. Here are the accounts for 1875 and 1876. Now this is a yearly account showing certain payments. He was in the habit apparently of only sending you accounts at the end of the year. These accounts seem to be from January to December?—Yes.

21,303. And, therefore, I suppose Mr. Edwards was in the habit of sending you accounts from year to year at the beginning of the year?—Yes.

21,304. Therefore his sending you this account for 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* in the middle of the year was out of the usual course, was it not?—It must have been so. It must have been rather irregular, I think.

21,305. I am afraid you cannot remember what it was that Mr. Edwards told you he wanted that sum for at that time?—No, I cannot. I wrote to him for a more detailed explanation, and the only explanation I have to offer is what he has given me in that memorandum I have handed to you. I know, in fact, nothing further about it.

21,306. I suppose you cannot be sure that Mr. Edwards ever mentioned to you at all what this 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* was for at that time?—I cannot.

21,307. Do you happen to have with you your pass

book to give us the dates of these cheques for 116*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* and 360*l.*?—I am afraid I have not my pass book, but I think the first cheque was sent on June 9th, and the other cheque, to the best of my recollection, on June 11th.

21,308. (*Mr. Turner.*) I thought you said July just now?—No, June, I think. I think I am accurate in saying that.

21,309. (*Mr. Holl.*) The first cheque on the 9th, and the other on the 11th of June?—Yes.

21,310. Are you sure that he wrote to you asking for the second cheque?—I think so; I believe he did.

21,311. He wrote to you, but what he said in the letter you cannot remember?—No; I have not a sufficiently distinct recollection of what he did say.

21,912. (*Mr. Jeune.*) You are sure, of course, he did not send you any account like one of these yearly accounts?—Yes; I should have had it if he did.

21,313. (*Mr. Holl.*) Can you remember this with any certainty. Did he give you any statement, whether you can remember what it was or not, in that letter of what it was for. I do not mean the details?—No, it was only a general statement.

21,314. Did he merely say he wanted a cheque for 116*l.* without more, and give a sort of general statement?—I think he gave a sort of general statement, and I told him I thought it was very likely I might be called upon to give some evidence, and wished him to give me a more detailed explanation, and he sent me the other day the one I have handed to you.

21,315. The first of the two papers you have handed in (call it statement A) contains a statement of your annual subscriptions for the years 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880?—Yes. That is what I was requested to bring with me.

21,316. Just look at the second item. I want to know the nature of these items. "R. J. Emmerson, 74*l.* and 28*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*" That is not a subscription, is it?—I think they were the subscriptions of 1874.

21,317. Subscriptions paid by Mr. Emmerson on your behalf?—Yes. Mr. Emmerson always paid my subscriptions at Sandwich and he used to apply to me for a cheque. Mr. Emmerson furnished me with a statement always.

21,318. He sent you a statement of what he paid?—Yes, and I used to return it.

21,319. Then this is a cheque given to Mr. Emmerson for subscriptions paid by you which he rendered an account of to you?—Yes, which I always returned.

21,320. Have you got one of those detailed statements?—I have only got one (*handing same to the Commissioners*). I am afraid that is the only one I have.

21,321. For what year is that?—1876. It is a sample of the sort of accounts he used to render.

21,322. I see the third item is, "F. J. Mercer, subscriptions for 1874, 115*l.* 4*s.*" Was that a cheque given to Mr. Mercer in respect of subscriptions paid by him?—Yes, he was my agent in Deal, and Mr. Emmerson in Sandwich.

21,323. Both those items are cheques sent to those gentlemen respectively in respect of subscriptions for which they gave you an account?—Yes.

21,324. The next item is "Mrs. Griffiths, clothing, 5*l.*"?—Mrs. Griffiths is the rector's wife of Upper Deal.

21,325. And that is a subscription given to her for the purpose of distributing clothing?—Yes.

21,326. Then "R. J. Emmerson, coals, 10*l.*" Is that a sum given to Mr. Emmerson for the purpose of enabling him to distribute coals?—Yes.

21,327. That was in 1875, and was for the purpose, I take it, of distributing coals to the poor of Sandwich?—Yes.

21,328. Was there any restriction in any way at all as to the class of persons, or voters, that it should be given to—I mean as to whether Liberal or Conservative, or what?—No. As to coals, I have been in the habit of giving something like 100*l.* a year generally in that way, and I always made it a distinct understanding that any favours distributed should be distributed quite irrespective of politics. In fact, in order that the strictest impartiality might be exercised, I have generally sent what moneys I have to give away to the Mayor of Sandwich and the Mayor of Deal that they might be impartially distributed.

21,329. In regard to this amount sent to Mr. Emmerson, was there any stipulation, or otherwise, as to the

political bearing of the parties to whom it was to be given?—I cannot quite recollect that particular circumstance of the 10*l.* sent to Mr. Emmerson, but I am quite certain it was to be impartially distributed. I am quite sure there was an understanding of that sort.

(*Mr. Emmerson.*) The expression you made use of always was "to the necessitous poor."

21,330. (*Mr. Holl.*) I see there is one item, "Edwin Cornwell, subscriptions per list, 20*l.*" What is that?—He paid a few subscriptions for me every year.

21,330*a.* Did he furnish you with any list of the subscriptions?—Yes.

21,331. Have you a list of the subscriptions paid for you by either Mr. Emmerson, Mr. Mercer, or by Mr. Cornwell?—I have given those of Mr. Mercer to you.

21,332. Have you handed in Mr. Mercer's?—Several of Mr. Mercer's; there is one of Mr. Cornwell's; there is another of Mr. Emmerson's; and there is another of Mr. Cornwell's (*handing same to the Commissioners*).

21,333. I may take this one as a sample possibly. This account of Mr. Cornwell's in 1875 would be a fair sample of the others?—I think so.

21,334. It is "Goldfinch, Wesleyan Day School, 2 guineas; Deal Central School, 4 guineas; Baptist School, 1 guinea; Mrs. Sutton, 2*l.*" Do you know what that was for?—No, I do not. Somebody in distress I rather think.

21,335. Then "Soup kitchen, 5*l.*; Boatowner's Benevolent Association, 2 guineas; Dispensary, 2 guineas." Then "T. G. Hayward, 2*l.*" Do you know what that would be?—I rather think that was a subscription. It was represented to me, I think, that he was in difficulties, and something would be desirable. That is my recollection of it.

21,336. Then "Usher, Horticultural Society, 2 guineas; Archipelago dinner ticket, 3*s.*; Wesleyan Day School, 2 guineas; Baptist School, 2 guineas; soup kitchen, 5*l.*; Boatman's Association, 2 guineas." Is that a fair sample of what Mr. Cornwell distributed?—I think so. I think that represents fairly the amounts he used to distribute for me annually.

21,337. Then "March 1874, cash, Barne's account, 61*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*" That is part of the 115*l.* you paid to Mr. Mercer in 1875. Do you know what that was for?—I should think Mr. Mercer would probably be able to explain it.

21,338. You have no recollection what that item is?—No.

21,339. Then "Ditto, Hilary, for balance bill, 7*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.*" Then the next item is, "Ditto, Working Men's Association, your moiety, 11*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*"?—I should think that was probably for the maintenance of the Liberal Association in the borough—the rooms and so forth, and expenses connected with the building.

21,340. Then this item of 11*l.* 9*s.* (*showing same to witness*). I suppose that would be the same thing?—Yes, that would be the same thing.

21,341. Then "Woodruff, copies of register," that would be in connexion with registration, I suppose?—Yes.

21,342. Then, "Further bill, Working Men's Association, your moiety, 7*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*" That again would be the same?—Yes.

21,343. Then, "Hope Richmond, as per your letter, 10 guineas." Have you any recollection what that was for?—No. I have been applied to in a variety of ways. I cannot just recollect what that was for—sometimes for wrecks and so on. There have been several instances of that character since I have represented the borough. Vessels have been wrecked, and I have been applied to. I think that particular one was in reference to that. One of the luggers went down, I think, and that item was towards the repair of the vessel.

21,344. Then "expenses connected with the management of the Working Men's Association, 10*l.*" That is their own expenses, I suppose?—Yes.

21,345. You cannot remember what this largest item is, "Cash, Barnes' account, 61*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*"?—No. I think I can everything but that.

21,346. The rest of these items are different subscriptions. Subscriptions to the West Kent Harriers, and the Rev. J. Scrutton. That was to his church, I suppose?—Yes.

21,347. Then "Mrs. Lawrence, Work Society, 5*l.* Soup kitchen, 10*l.* Mayor of Deal, coals, 50*l.*; ditto, Sandwich, 25*l.*" Do I understand you that it was understood that no distinction whatever should be made as to who they should be distributed to?—Yes. I was

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exceedingly careful when I sent my cheque to specially specify that coals should be distributed without political bias at all—only among the necessitous poor—not among the voters.

21,348. This time, 1875, was, of course, after the election of 1874. There was no immediate prospect of an election then?—No. I have been in the habit every Christmas of giving 100*l.* for coals.

21,349. Has this been a yearly thing?—Yes, I have done it every year.

21,350. Irrespective of whether an election was just past or whether an election was likely to come on immediately?—Yes. I have made a habit of doing it.

21,351. They are very much the same in each year. In the same way there is the same amount for coals in Deal and Walmer, and the subscriptions are pretty much the same. I see there is 100*l.* less in 1876 than in 1875, and in 1877 they are increased again by about 100*l.* In 1877, I see there is "Emmerson, subscriptions 36*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*," and then again, after that, "R. J. Emmerson, 50*l.*," and below that another item of 25*l.*?—Mr. Emmerson reminds me that that 50*l.* was a gift towards the restoration of a church in Sandwich.

21,352. And the 25*l.* below, what was that for?—The same thing, I think. Mr. Emmerson reminds me that was so.

21,353. These were both gifts towards the restoration of a church in Sandwich?—Yes, St. Bartholomew.

21,354. And there is a subscription to the Deal band fund and the regatta?—Yes.

21,355. I see the subscriptions that you have paid in these years, including the payments to Messrs. Mercer at various times, appear to have altogether amounted to somewhere about 400*l.* a year on an average?—Yes, or rather more.

21,356. About 500*l.* a year on an average, is that it?—Yes, I should think that is about it.

21,357. In 1880, the present year, I see the subscriptions have amounted to 234*l.* "Deal and Walmer Institute, 3 guineas; the Rev. Mr. Scratton, 10*l.*; Cattle Show, 10*l.*; Mr. Emmerson's subscriptions, 40*l.*; Edwards and Mercer's, 89*l.*; West Kent Harriers, 10*l.*; Mr. Cornwell's subscriptions, 20*l.*," and so on; altogether, 234*l.* Independently of the subscriptions, there have been some other payments, I see—to Kemball, Jacobs, Hinde, and Goymer?—My children were down there for three or four weeks, and those payments are in connexion with that visit. I took a house here for a short time.

21,358. One of the payments is in respect of the cost of reseating St. George's Church?—Yes.

21,359. The rest of them appear to be more of a private nature. There are payments to Kemball, Hinde, Goymer, and Jacobs?—They are tradesmen's bills.

21,360. There is an item of 18*l.* (*showing same to the witness*). Do you remember what that is in respect of?—I rather think it was in respect of an entertainment I gave here to the mayor and corporation.

21,361. In 1879 there are various payments; most appear to be for hotel bills, excepting one payment for "removing wreck from opposite esplanade, Deal, 20*l.*," and there is one to "D. Almond, 21*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*" What was that for?—It was a wine account, on the occasion of a Foresters' dinner.

21,362. A dinner given by you to the Foresters'?—No, a public dinner which I attended.

21,363. And did you find the wine for that dinner?—I did on that occasion. It was not at any period immediately preceding an election.

21,364. Do you remember when the dinner was?—I rather think it was in November.

21,365. The bill was paid in November, was the dinner in November?—I think it was.

21,366. Or about that time?—Yes.

21,367. I see in the same month of that year, "Mr. Cornwell, Nov. 21st, 6*l.*" Do you remember what that was?—I cannot quite call to mind what that was.

21,368. Then there is "Alpin and Co., as per voucher, 14*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*"?—I think that was a tradesman's bill while I was residing here. There is the bill (*handing same*), and I have another of Almond's (*handing same*).

21,369. As I understand, all this wine was consumed at the Foresters' dinner?—It was.

21,370. That was on the 21st November. I understand you to say it was not a dinner given by you to the Foresters' club, but a dinner of the Foresters' club which you attended?—Yes.

21,371. Are you a member of the Foresters' club?—I am.

21,372. (*Mr. Jeune*.) Do you pay for the wine at the dinner regularly year by year?—I think I have generally.

21,373. (*Mr. Holl*.) You think you have generally paid it?—I think I have on almost all occasions when I have been dining myself.

21,374. Was that voucher which you have handed in of Almond in 1876 for wine supplied on a similar occasion—the Foresters' dinner?—Yes.

21,375. When this dinner was given in 1879, was there any contemplation of an immediate dissolution?—No, not at all, I think.

21,376. One word with regard to the payments in 1880. I see, "The Editor of the Deal Telegram newspaper, 25*l.*"?—That was to assist the paper. It was represented to me that it was in want of funds, and in consequence of that—

21,377. Is it a Liberal organ?—Yes; in consequence of that I talked it over with Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, and we thought it desirable to assist the paper.

21,378. Then, "H. Webb, Deal, 9*l.* 10*s.*" in January 1880. I see, "That was an account for, I think, some beer and wine that was served round at a meeting which Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen and I attended, which I thought excessive in amount, I must say."

21,379. That was on the 6th of January?—It was.

21,380. And it was a meeting you and Mr. Hugessen attended, you say?—Yes.

21,381. Where was that meeting held—at an hotel, or where?—I rather think it was at the "Park Tavern." I think that was not an account of that date, but an account for the previous summer. Mr. Hugessen and I came down one evening in the summer previous, and I think it was an account for liquor served on that occasion.

21,382. But not served at this date?—No.

21,383. It was paid in January?—Yes, but the liquors were served in the summer of the previous year.

21,384. The summer of 1879?—Yes, I recollect coming down.

21,385. Then, "'Bell Hotel,' Sandwich," 44*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—That was a dinner Mr. Hugessen and I gave to the mayor and corporation of Sandwich, and I think it was in January last.

21,386. (*Mr. Jeune*.) Was there more than one dinner given by you to the Corporation of Sandwich?—No. I think it was in January.

21,387. (*Mr. Holl*.) I see Lord Brabourne mentioned it as taking place in the autumn of 1879?—I think it was mistaken with regard to the date.

21,388. I understand that afterwards Lord Brabourne corrected that and said the date was January?—Yes. I believe it was the latter end of January, but I could not say the precise date.

21,389. Then, "Frost, Brothers, 17*l.* 17*s.*" I suppose those are the ironmongers here?—Yes, that was for a bill incurred during my residence here last autumn.

21,390. Then, "S. Willoughby, Deal, 11*l.* 10*s.*"?—Yes, I gave a dinner in November. That is the hotel bill.

21,391. What other dinner was that?—Mr. Hugessen and I gave a dinner to the mayor and corporation of Deal in November last.

21,392. Last November—this year?—No, November 1879.

21,393. Then there was one dinner to the corporation of Deal in November 1879 (the autumn of 1879) and a dinner to the corporation of Sandwich in January 1880?—Yes.

21,394. Have you got the bill for the dinner at Deal—Mr. Willoughby's bill?—I have here Filmer's receipt for the dinner at Sandwich. That will probably mention the date when the dinner was.

21,395. (*Mr. Jeune*.) It is dated the 27th of January 1880?—That was the date, no doubt.

21,396. Where was the Deal dinner given?—At the "Queen's Hotel."

21,397. How many people were there?—I think there must have been about 25, probably. I could not say exactly. It was a general invitation to the mayor and corporation of the borough.

21,398. (*Mr. Holl*.) Twenty-five, including the mayor and corporation?—Yes; I think there was one or two besides. I rather think Mr. Cottew was there.

21,399. Have you got the bill for that dinner. I do not find it among these vouchers you have handed in. I do not find any bill of sufficient amount, as it appears to me, to cover the dinner for the corporation?—I believe I have it (*handing same*). I think that is it. I think it is for other expenses besides the dinner.

21,400. This is not included, I think, amongst the papers mentioned in this account you have handed us, is it?—No, I have a separate account of what I spent during my residence at Deal last autumn, or rather the autumn of 1879 (*handing same to the Commissioners*). I was here for three weeks or a month—three weeks, I think. I thought I had better make a separate account of it.

21,401. This account contains your expenditure during the time you were staying here in the autumn of 1879?—Yes.

21,402. And you have included the dinner you gave to the mayor and corporation at that time in this account?—Yes.

21,403. "De Lorme." Who is he?—That is one of my servants. I gave him cheques to discharge certain accounts. I believe I have the receipts here.

21,404. Then, "Waters, 50l." What item is that?—He is my butler.

21,405. May I take it these expenses mentioned in the last account you have handed in are your personal expenses whilst here with the exception of the dinner to the corporation?—Yes. They included rent of house, and everything; my expenses in fact. I was here with my family.

21,406. Except the dinner to the corporation are any of these expenses other than what I may call personal expenses of your residence here?—No. I took a house here, and my family were here. It was quite an exceptional visit.

21,407. Were you alone here, or was your family here?—My family was here.

21,408. Then this is the expenditure of yourself and family for the three weeks you were here with the exception to the dinner to the corporation?—Yes; I think that represents everything I spent.

21,409. Striking out that dinner, it appears to amount to about 100l. a week, the expenses of yourself and your family?—I should think it would be about that.

21,410. The first list of subscriptions which you handed in, were they subscriptions on behalf of yourself and Lord Brabourne, or your own subscriptions?—Those are my own expenses.

21,411. And I understood you that the accounts of subscriptions and expenses you have handed in do not embrace the 116l. mentioned in Mr. Edward's letter?—I fancy not.

21,412. These accounts carry your expenses up to the 1880 election, for it ends at February 1880. The account of the expenses, and so forth, is up to the present month, December?—Yes.

21,413. The other account of your expenses incurred in Deal, independent of subscriptions, expenses of a personal character, are carried up to February 1880. How was it you did not happen to include the expenses which make up the cheque for 116l. It is not mentioned in this list at all?—No. I thought it would be better only to go into those amounts which had reference only to expenses in connexion with the election, and not mix them up.

21,414. You have had no detailed account at present from Mr. Edwards showing how this 116l. is made up?—No. The only explanation I am able to offer is contained in this letter of his which I have handed in.

21,415. The letter in which Mr. Edwards says that the 116l. is made up of 47l. 12s. 8d. for expenses of the Liberal Association, rent, rates, taxes, housekeeper, &c., and that the remainder is for subscriptions?—Yes.

21,416. But you do not know any of the details showing how it is made up?—No; I know nothing beyond that.

21,417. Any further information with regard to those details you cannot give?—I am afraid I should not be able to give you any more information.

21,418. Do these papers you have handed in contain the whole of your expenditure so far as you are aware in connexion with the borough during these years?—Yes, I think so.

21,419. And the returned accounts, with the addition of the items you have mentioned, are the whole of the expenditure in connexion with the 1880 election that you are aware of?—Quite so.

21,420. Nothing has been spent that you are aware of beyond what you have mentioned and as contained in these documents?—No, nothing.

21,421. (*Mr. Jenne.*) You say you were three weeks at Deal?—A fortnight or three weeks.

21,422. This account seems to run from October 28th to November 17th, which is as nearly as possible three weeks, and, excluding the 57l., it comes to a little over 300l. You say you took a house here?—Yes.

21,423. The rent of the house I see was 25l. 8s. 7d. The house, therefore, was about eight guineas a week, or something of that sort?—Yes.

21,424. May I ask how many servants you brought down here?—I think I must have had seven or eight.

21,425. And your own family came down too?—Yes.

21,426. Consisting of how many members may I ask? There were two children, I think, and Mrs. Brassey was here.

21,427. 100l. a week is a large sum, is it not, for the expenditure of such a number of people?—Well, I saw a great many of my friends privately on that occasion. I had not seen them for some time. A great many people living in Deal I had the opportunity of entertaining at dinner, and so forth, and of course it made the amount larger than it would have been.

21,428. Not your friends; people here?—I did not entertain voters, if that is what you mean. I entertained a great many of my friends generally, ladies as well as gentlemen.

21,429. By your friends generally you do not mean your personal friends, but people in the town?—People living about, several of them. That may have made the expenses higher than they would have been.

21,430. 100l. a week for eight people, even if you had a dinner party every night, is a large sum, is it not?—Well, as I say the entertainments to my friends may have made my expenses heavier than they would have been.

21,431. I see there is "Wine bill. 50l. 17s. 6d."?—That was for wine supplied during the time I was here, and I believe I took some away. I did not consume it all here. I think some was removed.

21,432. There are two items, T. Loyns & Co. one, 21l. 7s. 4d., and the other 23l. 3s. 11d. What are Messrs. Loyns, I forget?—I think they are grocers.

21,433. Was that for things consumed during the three weeks?—Yes, I think so.

21,434. 45l. grocer's bill for three weeks; I suppose you did not have much haberdashery of them, they are haberdashers also?—I cannot say what was purchased, but there may be some haberdashery. There may be some things purchased besides.

21,435. Did you ever stay at Deal before in that way?—Yes; I stayed I think once before, I am not sure that I have not made two visits to Deal in that way.

21,436. In what year was the last one before 1879?—I rather think I have not stayed since 1874.

21,437. At little before the 1874 election?—At the 1874 election, I think it was. The 1874 election terminated in a week, it did not last a week.

21,438. It was a short time?—A very short time.

21,439. When you say you entertained people you refer to entertainments in the house you had hired?—Yes.

21,440. Did you give any other entertainments besides the dinner to the corporation and the entertainments in your own house?—No.

21,441. May I take it that you had dinner parties every night at your own house?—Not every night; perhaps two or three a week.

21,442. And 20 or 30 people there?—Perhaps not so many as that; 12 to 15, and that sort of thing. The room was not sufficiently capacious to hold more than that.

21,443. So you entertained I suppose some 70 or 80 people altogether?—Yes, I saw a good many people. Of course I was anxious to see them.

21,444. I see that the total of the subscriptions in 1876 is 320l.; in 1877 489l.; in 1878 551l. and in 1879 573l. Can you account how it was your subscriptions rose in those four years from 320l. to 573l.?—Well I gave more liberally to the Deal regatta and band fund. I regulated my subscriptions according to what I thought was the urgency of the case. There was no hard and fast rule about it.

21,445. Do you think the approaching election had

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H. A. Brassey. something to do with your subscriptions, nearly doubling or going on to doubling in the four years from 1876 to 1879?—I did not take that into consideration certainly when I sent my subscriptions. I wanted to be, very naturally, liberal to the place. I did not wish to influence the election in any way. Indeed I do not think it would have made any material difference in influencing the election.

21,446. Apart from the dinner, and so on, your other payments in three years have nearly doubled?—Yes.

21,447. Do not you think that as the election came nearer it appeared to you prudent to spend a larger sum in the borough?—Well, naturally, I think, one looks after one's interest to some extent. I mean to say, I cannot say my subscription approached the amount you describe simply because the election was approaching, I did not regulate my subscriptions by that. I confess I came, certainly, to reside here a year ago last autumn thinking possibly an election might occur.

21,448. In 1879, exclusive of the 360*l.* which you spent in personal expenditure, your subscriptions and other payments amounted to 647*l.*?—I have given a correct statement, I believe.

21,449. So adding the 360*l.* which you say is your personal expenditure you spent in 1879 in the borough, about 1,000*l.*?—That appears to be so.

21,450. In 1880 you have found it rather less expensive, have not you?—Certainly the amounts do not appear to be so large.

21,451. In 1880 I see your subscriptions, quite apart from other payments, are 245*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*?—Yes. When I received knowledge that the petition was to come about I thought it would be better to stop my subscriptions. I informed Mr. Edwards I thought I should not carry on my subscriptions this year until the matter was decided.

21,452. It is 234*l.* in 1880 as against 573*l.* in 1879 for the reason you have told us?—Yes. I thought it desirable to stop the subscriptions till the petition was disposed of.

21,453. And of the 234*l.*, of which you have given an account, 189*l.* I see is paid in January, February, and March, leaving 45*l.* for the remainder of the year?—Yes, in regard to subscriptions.

21,454. Yes. So that since the election, which took place in April, you have paid only 45*l.* for subscriptions?—Yes. I wrote to Mr. Edwards and said; as Sir Julian Goldsmid had determined to petition I thought it desirable I should stop my subscriptions for the present, and I think Mr. Emmerson has not paid any since.

(*Mr. Emmerson.*) I have not.

21,455. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Why did you think the petition

would make it desirable for you to stop your subscriptions?—Well, everything appeared to be in such a very uncertain state, I thought that until the petition had been tried and the matter had been decided, it would be better to discontinue them; there was no other reason; simply I thought it better to discontinue them.

21,456. But why. Were you afraid that your subscriptions might be misconstrued?—No.

21,457. Then why, if it was the proper and regular expenditure of a member in his borough should you discontinue your subscriptions?—Well, there were a good many things that I should have wished to consider, whether I should continue them or not. For instance, the matter of the Liberal Association to which I had subscribed largely. It certainly did not appear to me beneficial to the town or to our interest at all to carry on my subscriptions to that, and after my experience in the late election, whatever had occurred I should have hesitated very much whether I should have continued it; and other matters of that character. I thought it would be a desirable thing that the matter should be discussed, whether it would be a proper thing to continue them or no. I doubt very much whether I should, whatever came of the petition, continue my subscription to the Liberal Association here. I think it was waste of money. I saw no result from it at all; there was no state of organisation when the election did come on; so I was informed by Sir Julian Goldsmid. I hesitated very much about continuing it, and I thought all things considered it would be better to discontinue the subscriptions, at all events for a time. That was the view I took.

21,458. It seems to me a little difficult to understand. If these were fair and proper subscriptions for a member in his borough, why should they be discontinued?—I thought it better under the circumstances to wait for a few months, and see what would be the outcome of this petition, and so on, and I thought it was better to discontinue them, at all events for a short time. The subscriptions are, no doubt, very *liberal*, but I should not think them out of the way, except perhaps the Liberal Association, and perhaps the *regatta* which is perhaps rather liberal, but taking them as a whole, I do not consider that they are very much out of the way.

21,459. The regatta was 25*l.* a year?—Yes.

21,459*a.* (*Mr. Holl.*) Had you given dinners to the corporation at any time previous to 1879 and 1880?—Yes, I think, I had.

21,460. You had given dinners to the corporation in former years?—Yes.

21,461. Then this dinner was not an unusual occurrence?—No.

G. T. Bedwell.

GEORGE THOMAS BEDWELL sworn and examined.

21,462. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Market gardener.

21,463. Where do you live?—West Street.

21,464. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

21,465. From whom?—Mr. Kidner.

21,466. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

21,467. Did you receive anything else?—No.

W. T. Bushell.

WILLIAM THOMAS BUSHELL sworn and examined.

21,468. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.

21,469. Where do you live?—3, Canonbury Place.

21,470. What money did you get at the election?—None at all.

21,471. Were you offered any?—No.

21,472. Did nobody canvass you?—No.

21,473. And did not you receive anything in any shape?—No, I did not.

21,474. Did you vote?—Yes.

21,475. Did any part of you or family receive anything?—No.

J. T. Buttress.

J. T. BUTTRESS sworn and examined.

21,476. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Deal boatman.

21,477. Where do you live?—2, Alfred Row.

21,478. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

21,479. Who from?—Henry Spears.

21,480. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

21,481. Did you receive anything else?—No.

J. Burns.

JOHN BURNS sworn and examined.

21,482. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A tailor.

21,483. Where do you live?—Middle Street, Deal.

21,484. What did you get at the election?—3*l.*

21,485. From whom?—I do not know who it was; he was a stranger to me.

21,486. When was it?—On the evening of the election.

21,487. It was for your vote, I suppose?—It could not have been for that, for I had voted before.

21,488. What do you suppose it was for?—Well, I

have a right to suppose what it was for as far as that goes, but I do not know at all.

21,489. You have a shrewd suspicion, I suppose?—I can give a good guess.

21,490. It had something to do with your vote?—Yes. I suppose so.

21,491. Did you receive anything else?—No.

21,492. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Had you never seen the man before?—No, never.

21,493. Nor since?—No.
 21,494. What sort of looking man was he?—I could not tell you; he was a strange man.
 21,495. A dark or light man?—He was here on the election day.
 21,496. Did you see him about during the election?—No, I never go about, so I could not see him.
 21,497. Was he a dark stoutish man?—No, he was not.
 21,498. What coloured hair had he?—I could not say; I was not in his company two minutes.
 21,499. Did he come to your house?—No, I met him on the Esplanade.
 21,500. Did he call you to him?—Yes.
 21,501. By name?—Yes.
 21,502. What passed?—That is all that passed; he gave me the money.
 21,503. What passed when he gave you the money?—Nothing; he never asked me a question, nor I him.
 21,504. Do you mean he said, "Burns, here is 3*l*. for you," and that is all?—No, he did not say that.
 21,505. What did he say?—He said, "There is 3*l*. for you," and asked me if I had been to vote.
 21,506. Had you a colour on?—No.
 21,507. Did he ask you which way you had voted?—No; never asked me any other question about it.
 21,508. Did he ask you which way your politics were?—No; never mentioned politics at all.
 21,509. Do you say he only said, "Burns, have you voted," and you said "Yes," and he gave you the money?—Yes, that is all.
 21,510. (*Mr. Holl.*) Had you colours up at your house?—No.
 21,511. Had you not been canvassed?—Nobody ever asked me, except Mr. Roberts and Sir Julian Goldamid; they both came.
 21,512. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Do you know Mr. Porter?—Yes.
 21,513. Was it Mr. Porter?—No, I know Mr. Porter too well for that.

21,514. Was it Mr. Rea?—No, it was not Mr. Rea either; neither Porter nor Rea gave me a penny.
 21,515. Did not this man tell you who he came from, or who gave him the money to give you?—I did not ask him.
 21,516. Had Porter or Rea spoken to you about your vote?—They both came to my house.
 21,517. And asked you to vote, I suppose?—No, they asked me which way I was going to vote.
 21,518. And you told them what?—That it was my business, and nothing to do with them.
 21,519. Did they come together?—Yes.
 21,520. And they asked you to vote?—No, they did not ask me.
 21,521. They asked you which way you were going to vote?—Yes, which way I was going to vote.
 21,522. And what did you say to them?—I told them that was my business.
 21,523. Is that all that took place?—That is all that took place.
 21,524. Did you give them any encouragement?—No.
 21,525. They went away rather pleased, did they not?—I do not know that they did.
 21,526. Did they mark you down in a book?—They might have done; I do not know.
 21,527. Did not you see them?—No.
 21,528. They had got a book?—It appears so.
 21,529. When you said that they put a mark down in their book?—I do not think so.
 21,530. Were you very much surprised to receive 3*l*.?—Not a bit.
 21,531. You thought there would be 3*l*. to come, or something to come?—Well, I knew everybody else was having it, and of course I was like other people, expecting something.
 21,532. You did not think it worth the trouble of asking this man who he was, or why he gave you the 3*l*.?—No, it was no business of mine.
 21,533. All your business was to get the money?—That was all.

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JOHN GEORGE FRIEND sworn and examined.

J. G. Friend.

21,534. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Market gardener.
 21,535. Where do you live?—Robert Street.
 21,536. What did you receive at the election?—3*l*.

21,537. Who from?—Henry Spears.
 21,538. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 21,539. Did you get anything else?—No.

THOMAS LINCOLN sworn and examined.

T. Lincoln.

21,540. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Drayman.
 21,541. Where do you live?—3, Sunnyside.
 21,542. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 21,543. From whom?—Mr. Rea.
 21,544. When?—The morning of the election, before I voted. I went with James Spicer, early.
 21,545. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.
 21,546. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.

21,547. Where did you receive it?—At the "Fountain." I picked it up.
 21,548. Was Rea in the room?—Yes; he laid it on the table.
 21,549. Was any one else present?—No; no one else was present.
 21,550. Did you go in alone?—Mr. James Spicer and I went in together.

JAMES SPICER sworn and examined.

J. Spicer.

21,551. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Drayman.
 21,552. Where do you live?—12, Gravel Walk.
 21,553. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 21,554. From whom?—Rea.

21,555. Where did you get it?—At the "Fountain."
 21,556. Did you get anything else?—Nothing more.
 21,557. Was the 3*l*. for your vote?—Yes.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

Thursday, 23rd December 1880.

T. Ralph.

THOMAS RALPH sworn and examined.

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21,558. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—I am a clerk in charge of the pilot station here.

21,559. I think you are an alderman of the borough of Deal?—Yes; I have been so for many years.

21,560. Did you take an active part in the election of May 1880?—Not much.

21,561. What did you do?—I attended meetings, and went about amongst the people.

21,562. Do you mean canvassing?—No, not canvassing.

21,563. I believe formerly you had been active upon the Liberal side?—Yes. I was a supporter of Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen from the first of his coming here; in fact, I was one of those that got him to come.

21,564. When was it that your views changed in reference to that?—Just after my illness; that is about two years ago, or nearly so.

21,565. At this last election, I understand from what you say, you did nothing except attending meetings and going about amongst the people, but you say noth canvassing?—No, I have not been to any door to canvass, not upon this occasion, but I have upon former occasions.

21,566. Did you expend any money in connexion with the election?—Yes.

21,567. How much?—I think something like 20*l*.

21,568. Have you made a list of the names of those to whom you have given money?—Yes (*handing a paper*). That is the list, and also there was a donation that I received from a person named Simmons, for a sick person. That is the only money I received.

21,569. I see you have put down Mrs. Brudenell. I suppose that was for her husband?—Never saw her husband to ask for a vote.

21,570. But you gave her 3*l*. for him?—Yes.

21,571. Did you see that he voted?—No, and I saw afterwards by the report of the proceedings here that he had received 3*l*. from another person.

21,572. He received from each side. With regard to this 1*l*. that you received from Mr. Simmons for Mr. Cribben; did you give it to his wife?—Yes.

21,573. Her husband was alive then?—Yes; her husband was alive. He was in consumption then, and in a sad state.

21,574. Did he vote?—Yes, I believe he voted, but I had nothing to do about his vote whatever.

21,575. At the time you gave this money to Mrs. Cribben, was anything said about his voting?—No, not at all.

21,576. I see that it was paid to you upon the day before the election?—Yes, I have put the date upon that piece of paper. I pleaded for the woman, knowing the sad state that they were in, and Mr. Simmonds gave me a sovereign to go and take to the woman, which I did directly.

21,577. Still you see the time at which you paid it to her is very suspiciously close to the election, he being a voter?—Yes, so it is.

21,578. Are those the only sums which you paid?—There was a something which I cannot tax my memory with in regard to three young boatmen, not voters. I had a job to get rid of them, they wanted something for assisting in getting flags up, which they said they had not been paid for. There were three of them, and, to get rid of them, I gave them 5*s*. each.

21,579. You say they were not voters?—No, they were not voters.

21,580. You would not have given them 5*s*. each at any other time, would you?—No, but I was glad enough to get rid of them; in fact I would have given them a sovereign each to get rid of them.

21,581. You would not have done it at any other time than election time?—I very often give away money, and more than my pocket can afford.

21,582. You would not have given it unless it had been election time?—No.

21,583. You might have sent for the police at any other time?—No doubt, but I was glad to get rid of them.

21,584. Besides that 15*l*. and 1*l*. given to Mrs. Cribben, did you disburse any other moneys at all?—There was 5*l*. that I had of Dr. Hulke.

21,585. I am asking you as to what you spent. Did you pay any money away to anybody for any purpose connected with the election beyond the sums mentioned in this paper?—No, I believe not.

21,586. Are you sure of that?—I am almost sure.

21,587. You say "almost." You have had a good deal of time to think it all over; cannot you say positively?—I have been thinking of it, and I could not for the life of me tell you the names of the three men I gave the 5*s*. to.

21,588. I will not ask you as to such sums as 5*s*. or 2*s*. 6*d*., but are you sure that the 20*l*., and the 1*l*. Mrs. Cribben, are all the sums that you have given to voters for their votes?—Yes.

21,589. The 20*l*. was given to these men for their votes?—No, not 20*l*. It is 18*l*. you will find.

21,590. What became of the other 2*l*.?—There was 15*s*., as I tell you, for these three boatmen, and there were several other little things that I cannot now bring to mind.

21,591. Cannot you remember what you did with the other 1*l*. 5*s*.?—I do not like to bring the dead into question, because I am very particular.

21,592. It cannot do them any harm if you tell us the truth?—There was one poor man named Snowell who was very bad with his back, and I gave him 5*s*. on two occasions before the election, but there was nothing said about his vote.

21,593. Beyond this 20*l*., and the 1*l*. that you gave to Mrs. Cribben, did you receive any money from anyone for the purpose of being paid away again to voters?—No, not a farthing.

21,594. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

21,595. 18*l*. was given to these men for their votes?—Yes.

21,596. From whom did you receive the 20*l*.?—From Mr. Olds.

21,597. Do you remember when you received that?—I think it was upon the Friday following the election.

21,598. Did you pay this after the election was over?—Yes.

21,599. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

21,600. When did you pay the money to these men?—I think upon the Friday morning, or during the day.

21,601. Surely you paid these men the money before they voted?—No.

21,602. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, I am quite sure of it.

21,603. We have heard before that all the money was disbursed on the Monday, the day before the election?—No, I never had a farthing till after the election.

21,604. Had you promised these men before?—Yes.

21,605. And you paid them on the Friday?—Yes. I had promised them before, but I am satisfied that I did not have a farthing to pay them with till the Friday morning following the election.

21,606. Now with regard to the 5*l*. that you received from Dr. Hulke; was that all the money you received?—Yes, that is every farthing.

21,607. That you kept yourself?—Yes, that I kept myself.

21,608. What do you say that was for?—That was for being called out, and attending meetings, and for my own personal expenses which at election times one is apt to spend.

21,609. You had done no canvassing you say?—No, I had done no canvassing; only going about to the different meetings.

21,610. What do you mean by those expenses which at election times one is apt to incur?—By going about out of my ordinary course.

21,611. You mean, do you not, treating people occasionally when you met them?—No, I never treated. I can say to you without any blush at all that I never treated anybody to a thing during the election.

21,612. Then what kind of expenses would they be. There would be none, would there?—They gave me that to attend the meetings, at all events.

21,613. (*Mr. Turner.*) But it was given to you after you had attended the meetings?—It was upon the afternoon of the election day, something like 3 o'clock, and I said to Dr. Hulke, "Doctor, I have been a little out of pocket by being out of the ordinary line, and I

"think really that my services ought to be recognised in some shape or form for the trouble I have taken in going about and talking to the people."

21,614. (*Mr. Holl.*) It was the expenditure of nothing but a little trouble which you did voluntarily beforehand, and then just at the critical time of the day of voting you ask for some remuneration, and this 5*l.* is given to you?—Yes, 5*l.* was given to me.

21,615. That was before you voted?—No. The poll was not open that day half an hour before I recorded my vote; at all events, I had recorded my vote before half past eight.

21,616. (*Mr. Turner.*) All the money you were out of pocket did not come to anything like 5*l.*?—No, and I have got 2*l.* or 3*l.* by me now which I am going to spend this Christmas for some of them. It would only have cost me, perhaps, 2*l.* or 3*l.* going about, and having different things, as one would have at such times.

JOHN SAMUEL JAMES sworn and examined.

T. Ralph.

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J. S. James.

21,617. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Shipping agent's clerk.

21,618. Where do you live?—144, Beach Street.

21,619. What money did you receive in connexion with this election?—6*l.*

21,620. From whom?—Mr. Olds.

21,621. What did you do with it?—Gave it to these two men that I have written down on this piece of paper, 3*l.* each (*handing a paper*).

21,622. T. A. Burton, 55, Middle Street, and J. Overton, 3, Copper Street?—Yes.

21,623. You gave it to them for their votes?—Yes.

21,624. Did you have nothing else?—No.

21,625. Is that all you had to do with the election?—Yes.

21,626. You did not treat at all?—Yes, I did with my own money.

21,627. How much money did you spend?—I could not tell you at all.

21,628. About?—About a pound or so. If anyone asked me for a glass I gave them one as long as the money lasted.

21,629. You take an active part in politics?—I ran about and did all I could for Mr. Roberts.

21,630. Those are the two men that you gave 3*l.* each to?—Yes.

21,631. Is that all you did, except treating?—Yes. I do not know what I spent. It was my own money, and I do not get much money. I had nothing for my vote.

JAMES WISE recalled and further examined.

J. Wise.

21,632. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How much money did you receive altogether for the purpose of spending it?—That is my list (*handing a paper*).

21,633. It comes to 33 names, I see. Did each of those have 3*l.* apiece?—Yes.

21,634. That makes 99*l.*?—Yes.

21,635. From whom did you have that 99*l.*?—From Mr. Olds.

21,636. And you expended 3*l.* upon each of these 33 persons?—Yes, every man had his money.

21,637. You see the last time you were here you stated that there was 45*l.* that you had received from Mr. Olds?—Yes.

21,638. It has grown since then up to 99*l.* How was it when you were here before you did not give us the whole list?—I could not recollect the whole of them at that time. I have now gone through the account as well as I can, and I see it comes to 99*l.*

21,639. When you were here before you only told us of 45*l.*?—I acted under Mr. Hughes' instructions in paying that money away.

21,640. Mr. Edwin Hughes?—Yes.

21,641. You saw Mr. Edwin Hughes about it?—He ticked off my list, and handed it to me to carry to Mr. Olds for the money.

21,642. Upon that list at that time there were the whole of the 33 names?—Yes, on the list that I handed to Mr. Hughes.

21,643. He ticked off the names, and you went to Mr. Olds and got the money?—Yes.

21,644. You say Mr. Edwin Hughes gave you instructions. Did he tell you anything as to what you were to say about it in case questions were asked?—I cannot recollect that particularly, but he said I was to pay each man 3*l.*, which I did.

21,645. You see when you were here before you had not got 33 names upon your list, but only 15. Did anybody suggest to you that it would be just as well not to give the full number of names?—Yes.

21,646. Who was it?—To keep it down as low as we

could on account of Mr. Hughes' expenses, and Mr. Olds' expenses.

21,647. Who suggested that to you?—Mr. Olds.

21,648. Mr. Olds suggested to you that in giving your account of the transaction you should keep it down as low as you could?—Yes.

21,649. And that was the reason why, when you were here before, you did keep it down?—That was the reason, and the only reason.

21,650. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Edwin Hughes to the same sort of effect?—I do not think I did.

21,651. Do you not think you did?—No.

21,652. You see Mr. Hughes had just as much interest in the matter as Mr. Olds. Do you not think when Mr. Edwin Hughes gave you what you call your instructions about it, he said anything about keeping the list down as low as you could?—No.

21,653. Are you quite sure?—Yes. He gave me instructions to pay each man 3*l.*, and, as I have said before, each man had his 3*l.*

21,654. When did you have this talk with Mr. Olds about keeping the list down as low as you could?—Before you came here.

21,655. Since the judges were here?—Yes.

21,656. Between the time the judges were here and the time when we came here?—Yes.

21,657. Did you see Mr. Edwin Hughes about the same time?—I did not know I was a paid canvasser until he mentioned my name before the judges.

21,658. Mr. Edwin Hughes was down here seeing about the petition, and things of that kind, after the election was over?—Yes, he was down here.

21,659. Did you not have any talk with him then?—Nothing about this that I know of. We talked about a great many things, but I cannot recollect now what it was about.

21,660. I suppose this is the real list giving 33 names?—Yes, that is a correct list, so far as I know.

21,661. There are not any more?—No.

21,662. You are quite sure now?—Yes.

A. J. Redman.

ALPHONSO JAMES REDMAN sworn and examined.

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21,663. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A licensed victualler.

21,664. What house do you keep?—The "Providence" Inn, King Street.

21,665. What did you receive at the election?—I received 5*l.* for a committee room and allowing bills to be posted outside the house.

21,666. From whom did you get it?—From Mr. Olds, and I gave a stamped receipt for it.

21,667. Was your room used?—Yes.

21,668. (*Mr. Turner.*) Used as a committee room?—Yes, they came in sometimes of a morning and wrote down some circulars that they wanted to send out.

21,669-769. How often would it be used?—Several mornings. I got it done up for them by 10 o'clock every morning.

21,770. Did they have any meetings besides?—No.

They used it when they wanted to write notes to send the boys out with.

21,771. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive anything more?—No, not a half-penny from anyone.21,772. Not for any purpose?—No. I had 5*l.* and gave a stamped receipt for it.

21,773. Did you pay any money away to anybody?—No, nothing. I had nothing to do with the election as far as I was concerned.

21,774. That is all you received?—Yes, that is all.

21,775. What is the rent of your house?—It is a brewer's house. The rent is only 12*l.*21,776. (*Mr. Jeune.*) What is it rated at?—14*l.* 1*s.*21,777. Being a brewer's house, what difference does that make in the rent?—Only about 4*s.* a barrel upon the beer. They make me pay income tax and inhabitant house duty to the value of over 20*l.* If it was not a public-house, it would not be rated at above 6*l.* or 7*l.* That is the only difference.*J. Bean.*

JOHN BEAN sworn and examined.

21,778. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A cripple. I have not been fit for anything this twelvemonths.

21,779. What are you, a labourer?—Yes, when I get work.

21,780. Where do you live?—At Walmer.

21,781. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

21,782. From whom?—From Mr. Roberts.

21,783. But from whom did you receive the money?—Mr. William Bushell.

21,784. That was for your vote?—Yes.

21,785. Is that William Bushell of Belmont?—Yes.

21,786. Did you receive anything more?—No, not a farthing.

21,787. Not from anyone?—No.

N. Mockett.

NICHOLAS MOCKETT sworn and examined.

21,788. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Upper Walmer.

21,789. What are you?—A labourer.

21,790. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

21,791. From whom?—Mr. Bushell.

21,792. Mr. William Bushell of Belmont?—Yes.

21,793. Did you receive anything more from anyone?—No.

J. Chandler.

JAMES CHANDLER sworn and examined.

21,794. (*Mr. Holl.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

21,795. What are you?—A labourer.

21,796. What did you receive for your vote?—5*l.*

21,797. From whom?—My son.

21,798. Who did he get it from?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

21,799. Are you sure you do not know?—No, I do not know, and I never heard him say who he did have it from.

21,800. Who did he give you the money to vote for?—No one in particular.

21,801. When he gave you the money, who did he tell you to vote for?—No one in particular.

21,802. Listen to me. He must have told you who

he gave you 5*l.* to vote for?—No, he did not tell me who he wanted me to go for.

21,803. Did he know who you were going to vote for?—No.

21,804. What is your son's Christian name?—Egar.

21,805. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Are you blue or yellow?—I am a yellow.

21,806. You always were a yellow, I dare say, and everybody knew you were a yellow?—I do not know about that.

21,807. Is your son a yellow too?—I do not know what he is.

21,808. You are all the same in the family, are you not?—Yes, I expect we are pretty much.

21,809. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

J. Hamilton.

JOHN HAMILTON sworn and examined.

21,810. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer.

21,811. Where do you live?—9, West Street, Deal.

21,812. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

21,813. From whom?—I received it at the "New Inn."

21,814. Who keeps that?—Mr. Kidner.

21,815. Did you receive anything else?—No.

21,816. That was for your vote, of course?—Yes.

21,817. Is Frederick Hamilton your brother?—Yes.

21,818. And who is C. Hamilton?—That is my father.

21,819. Where are they?—They have gone to Sandwich with some fish, but I expect they will be here before the day is over.

21,820. Unless they come here to-day they will get no certificate; so you had better see them?—I will do so.

W. Hammond.

WILLIAM HAMMOND sworn and examined.

21,821. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A seaman.

21,822. Where do you live?—Griffen Street.

21,823. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

21,824. From whom?—Mr. H. W. Spears.

21,825. Was that all that you received?—Yes.

21,826. For anything?—Yes.

J. Harvey.

JESSE HARVEY sworn and examined.

21,827. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A labourer and gardener.

21,828. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

21,829. What did you receive for your vote?—5*l.*

21,830. From whom?—Mr. Langley.

21,831. Is that Mr. Langley of High Street?—Yes.

21,832. That was for your vote, of course?—Yes.

21,833. Did you receive anything else?—No.

S. Hawkesforth.

SAMUEL HAWKESFORTH sworn and examined.

21,834. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A gardener.

21,835. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

21,836. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

21,837. From whom?—Benjamin Wood of Middle Deal.

21,838. Did you receive anything more from anyone?—No.

ROBERT GEORGE HAYMAN sworn and examined.

R. G. Hayman

21,839. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A carpenter and joiner.

21,840. Where do you live?—1a, Water Street.

21,841. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

21,842. From whom?—William Mackie.

21,843. Is that all that you received?—No, I made 50 bill boards, and I had 5*l.* for them—2*s.* each.

28,144. Who ordered them?—I could not tell you who ordered them. My son took the order.

21,845. Which side were they made for?—For Mr. Crompton-Roberts.

21,846. Who paid you?—I could not tell you. My son received the money. I do not know who brought the money. I was not at home.

21,847. Is that all that you received?—Yes, that is all.

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THOMAS HELMAN sworn and examined.

T. Helman.

21,848. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A county court bailiff.

21,849. Where do you live?—No. 62, High Street.

21,850. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

21,851. From whom?—I received it at Mr. Olds' office.

21,852. Who was there?—Mr. Olds was there, and several gentlemen in the office, but I do not know any person in particular that gave me the money. They laid it on the table and told me it was mine, and I took it up and gave a receipt for it.

21,853. Was Mr. Olds present himself?—I know Mr. Olds was there, and several more.

21,854. Is that all that you received?—No.

21,855. What else did you receive?—I received 5*s.* for being a messenger the day of polling.

21,856. Is that all?—Yes.

21,857. The 3*l.* was for your vote?—I do not know what it was for. It was a week after voting that I knew anything about it. I was told then that the money was there for me, and I went for it.

21,858. You do not know of anything else that it would be for?—No.

GEORGE WILLIAM HIDER sworn and examined.

G. W. Hider.

21,859. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—An officer of H.M. Customs.

21,860. Where do you live?—I am down upon the Register as 11, Prince's Street, but I live at 1, Rose Villas.

21,861. What did you receive?—Nothing.

21,862. Nothing at all?—No.

21,863. Nothing on any account whatever?—No.

21,864. Was nothing promised to you?—No, nothing.

21,865. Did you vote?—Yes.

21,866. You were not promised anything by anybody?—No.

21,867. Were you canvassed by anyone?—Several asked me for my vote.

21,868. Did you promise anybody?—I told someone from Mr. Crompton-Roberts that in all probability I should vote for him.

21,869. You had no promise of anything?—No.

21,870. Had you received nothing?—No, not anything.

RICHARD HILL sworn and examined.

R. Hill.

21,871. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A seaman.

21,872. Where do you live?—Middle Street.

21,873. What did you receive?—3*l.*

21,874. From whom?—Henry Spears.

21,875. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

21,876. Is that all you received?—Yes.

21,877. Nothing more from anyone?—No.

WILLIAM HUNTER sworn and examined.

W. Hunter.

21,878. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A tailor.

21,879. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

21,880. From whom?—Mr. Langley.

21,881. Did you receive anything else?—No, not for a vote.

21,882. What else did you receive at all?—I received the money for making rosettes.

21,883. How much?—2*l.*

21,884. From whom did you receive that?—Mr. Usher.

21,885. How many rosettes did you make?—Four dozen.

21,886. Is that all that you got?—Yes, that is all.

EDWARD INKPEN sworn and examined.

E. Inkpen.

21,887. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A coal merchant and carrier.

21,888. Where do you live?—Market Street.

21,889. How much did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*, and 30*s.* for a wagonette.

21,890. Who from?—Mr. Rea.

21,891. Did they use the wagonette?—Yes, upon the morning of the election.

21,892. All day?—Yes.

21,893. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

JOHN JAMES sworn and examined.

J. James.

21,894. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A seaman.

21,895. Where do you live?—134, Beach Street.

21,896. What did you receive for your vote?—Nothing at all.

21,897. Not from anyone?—No.

21,898. Had you any promise?—No.

21,899. Were you canvassed by anyone?—Yes, but I was not at home.

21,900. You never saw anyone—No, I never saw anyone.

21,901. Was no promise made to any of your family?—No.

21,902. And you received nothing?—No, I received nothing.

21,903. I understand that you did not receive anything on any account?—No, not on any account.

21,904. And nobody for you?—No.

JOHN JENNINGS sworn and examined.

J. Jennings.

21,905. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A butcher.

21,906. Where do you live?—10, Albert Square.

21,907. What did you receive for your vote?—3*l.*

21,908. For whom?—Mr. Conley.

21,909. Did you receive anything more?—No.

EDWARD JENNINGS sworn and examined.

E. Jennings.

21,910. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A butcher.

21,911. Where do you live?—In Water Street.

21,912. What did you receive?—3*l.*

21,913. From whom?—Mr. Mackie.

21,914. Did you receive anything else?—No; that was after voting.

21,915. That was for your vote?—It was after voting.

21,916. It was for voting?—Yes.

E. Jolin.

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EDWARD JOLIN sworn and examined.

21,917. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A seaman.
 21,918. Where do you live?—In Griffen Street.
 21,919. What did you receive for your vote?—3l.

21,920. From whom?—H. W. Spears.
 21,921. Did you receive anything more?—No.
 21,922. From anyone?—No.

S. G. Joy.

SILAS GEORGE JOY sworn and examined.

21,923. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A mason.
 21,924. Where do you live?—74, Middle Street.
 21,925. What did you receive for your vote?—3l.
 21,926. From whom?—Mr. Thomas Ralph.

21,927. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 21,928. That is all that you received, you are sure?
 Yes, that is all.

H. Kent.

HENRY KENT sworn and examined.

21,929. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A baker.
 21,930. Where do you live?—4, Gravel Walk.
 21,931. What did you receive for your vote?—3l.
 21,932. From whom?—From a gentleman at the
 "Fountain." I do not know the gentleman's name.
 21,933. What sort of looking person was he?—A
 stout man.
 21,934. Was he dark?—Rather.
 21,935. And a stranger to you?—Yes.
 21,936. Do you know Mr. Rea?—Yes.
 21,937. Do you know Mr. Porter?—Yes.
 21,938. It was neither of them?—No.
 21,939. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Were either Porter or Rea there?
 —No.

21,940. Who was there that you knew besides the
 man that you did not know?—There was only me
 him in the room.
 21,941. Was there anybody standing at the door
 outside, when you went in that you knew?—The
 was full.
 21,942. Was there anybody that you knew
 specially connected with the house?—No.
 21,943. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you receive anything else?
 No.
 21,944. That was for your vote?—Yes.
 21,945. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How came you to go to the
 "Fountain"?—For 3l.
 21,946. Who told you to go?—Mr. Porter.

J. T. Knight.

JOHN THOMAS KNIGHT sworn and examined.

21,947. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A seaman
 pensioner.
 21,948. Where do you live?—15, Dolphin Street.
 21,949. What did you get for your vote?—After I
 recorded my vote I received 3l.

21,950. From whom?—Henry Spears.
 21,951. Did you receive anything more?—No.
 21,952. Not from anyone?—

T. Kidner.

THOMAS KIDNER sworn and examined.

21,953. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—A licensed
 victualler.

21,954. What house do you keep?—The "New Inn."
 21,955. You paid away some money in connexion
 with the election?—No, I did not pay away any money.
 My waiter paid money away, but I did not.

21,956. You knew of it?—Of course. I took the
 money of Mr. Olds.

21,957. Let us go by steps; how much did you take
 from Mr. Olds?—24l.

21,958. That was for the purpose of being paid to
 how many people?—Well, eight.

21,959. 3l. a piece?—Yes.

21,960. Have you got a list of their names?—No. I
 have got a return that my waiter gave me of the very
 men who had the money and signed (*handing a paper to
 the Commissioners*).

21,961. Are there eight of these?—No, there are
 seven. One man never came for the money.

21,962. What became of that money?—Well, I told
 the waiter if nobody came for it the only thing he could
 do was to stick to it. I did not want it.

21,963. He kept it, did he; you did not have it?—
 No.

21,964. The other 21l. was paid to these seven people
 whose names are in this list that you have handed to
 me?—Yes. The reason I would not have anything to
 do with it was that I did not agree with the paper that
 they signed.

21,965. Can you tell me the name of the man that did
 not come?—I think his name was Annall.

21,966. Do you know his Christian name?—I think it
 is Frederick.

21,967. Where does he live?—In Peter's Street, I
 think.

21,968. Is that all the money that you received. First
 of all you gave this money to your waiter to give to
 these different men?—Yes, certainly.

21,969. Is that all the money that you received?—No,
 later in the day I met Mr. Olds down at the "Rose,"
 and he gave me 3l. to give to a man named Prescott.

21,970. What is Prescott's Christian name?—Richard;
 and that was about 1 o'clock.

21,971. (*Mr. Turner.*) What day was that?—The
 election day.

21,972. (*Mr. Holl.*) Did you pay that to him?
 No, I paid it to my waiter. I walked back and
 to my waiter for him to pay Prescott, for, of course,
 would not be at home in the day.

21,973. You gave it to your waiter to give to Prescott.
 do you know whether Prescott got it?—I believe
 he did.

21,974. Did your waiter tell you so?—Yes, he told
 me he had it, but I had no receipt for it.

21,975. You understood from your waiter that he
 given it to Prescott?—Yes, he told me that he saw
 passing by and called him in and gave it to him.

21,976. What is the waiter's name?—John Crab.
 always called him.

21,977. Is he with you now?—No, he was only there
 about three weeks, or a month, during the election, and
 from what I have heard the other day I believe he is
 serving the Queen.

21,978. You think he has enlisted?—Yes, from what
 I have heard, but I cannot say it for true.

21,979. You do not know where he is?—No.

21,980. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

21,981. And all the money you paid?—Yes, all the
 money I paid.

21,982. You did not receive anything more on
 account at all?—No, not a farthing. There was 3l. for
 the committee room, and I have always had that since
 the Reform Bill. It is always a Conservative committee
 room.

21,983. Did they use your room?—Yes.

21,984. What did they use it for?—Meetings.

21,985. Did they have meetings at your house?—Yes.

21,986. How many times do you think they met there?
 —I should think perhaps it might be a dozen; there was
 always somebody in and out of the room all day long.

21,987. Did they meet there as many as a dozen times?
 —Yes.

21,988. Were people coming in and out during the
 day; will you say they actually used your room during
 the whole 10 or 12 days?—Yes.

21,989. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How many people used to come
 to these meetings?—Sometimes 40, and sometimes not
 so many.

STEPHEN LAKER sworn and examined.

S. Laker.

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21,990. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.
 21,991. Where do you live?—2½, Queen Street.
 21,992. What did you receive?—3*l*.

21,993. From whom?—Henry Spears.
 21,994. For your vote?—Yes.
 21,995. Anything else?—No.

BAILY LONG sworn and examined.

B. Long.

21,996. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carpenter.
 21,997. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 21,998. From whom?—Mr. Wood.

21,999. For your vote?—Yes.
 22,000. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

GEORGE DAVID LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

G. D. Lawrence.

22,001. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—An agricultural labourer.
 22,002. Where do you live?—56, Middle Street.
 22,003. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 22,004. From whom?—Mr. Elliott, who has gone to America.

22,005. Anything else?—No.
 22,006. Was that for your vote?—He did not say, but I had it before I went.
 22,007. There was nothing else which it could be for?—No.

EDWIN MACEY sworn and examined.

E. Macey.

22,008. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A sawyer.
 22,009. Where do you live?—10, Chapel Street.
 22,010. What did you receive?—3*l*.

22,011. From whom?—Mr. Henry Spears.
 22,012. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 22,013. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JAMES OVERTON sworn and examined.

J. Overton.

22,014. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A cordwainer.
 22,015. Where do you live?—Coppen Street.
 22,016. What did you receive?—3*l*.

22,017. From whom?—Mr. James.
 22,018. Anything else?—No.
 22,019. Was that for your vote?—I expect so.

JAMES OVERTON sworn and examined.

J. Overton.

22,020. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 22,021. Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 22,022. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 22,023. From whom?—I got it at Mr. Kidner's house ; a little boy gave it to me.

22,024. The waiter?—Yes.
 22,025. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.
 22,026. That was for your vote?—I suppose so.

JAMES OATRIDGE sworn and examined.

J. Oatridge.

22,027. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A fisherman.
 22,028. Where do you live?—13, Duke Street.
 22,029. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 22,030. From whom?—Mrs. Ralph of Alfred Square.

22,031. Is that the wife of Alderman Ralph?—Yes.
 22,032. Did you get anything else?—No.
 22,033. Was that for your vote?—That was for my vote, I suppose.

GEORGE EDWARD PORTER sworn and examined.

G. E. Porter.

22,034. (*Mr. Holl.*) You keep the "Fountain"?—No.
 22,035. What house do you keep?—I do not keep any.
 22,036. Is it Mr. Rea that keeps the "Fountain"?—Yes, that is it ; I used to keep the "Fountain."
 22,037. I think you sent different people to the "Fountain" to receive some money?—Yes, I did.

22,038. Who was the stout man who gave the money at the "Fountain"?—A gentleman who has been down here for several years, and used to come and hire our boats when I was in partnership with Mr. King. I used sometimes to call him Obadiah, and at other times O'Leary. He was a gentleman I could put great confidence in, and he had the money, and paid each man 3*l*. I was at the bottom of the stairs, or outside the door, when they received the money.

22,039. Was it some gentleman that was in the habit of coming to your house for some years?—No, of going off in our boats ; there are lots of people come down in the summer time who names I do not know.

22,040. You know his name?—No.

22,041. He used to hire your boat?—Yes.

22,042. And has been in the habit of coming to you for some years?—Three or four years ; since I have been in partnership with Mr. King.

22,043. Where did he live?—Somewhere in Prospect Place.

22,044. What number?—I cannot say.

22,045. Was he living there at the time of the election?—I do not know where he was living then, because he only came down for a short stay till the election was over.

22,046. Did you ask him to distribute the money for you?—No ; in fact, Mr. Rea gave him the money.

22,047. You must have asked him to do something?—Only to take and pay the men the money, and get their signatures.

22,048. You asked him to pay these people?—Yes.
 22,049. You must have known him pretty intimately?—He was in the habit of going off in our boats for the last three or four years, and he was a gentleman I could put trust in ; I would have trusted him with 200*l*. or 500*l*.

22,050. He must have had some confidence in you, or else he would not have undertaken the job of paying this money for you?—I do not know about that.
 22,051. Unless it was somebody you knew very well, and he knew you very well, he would not have undertaken to distribute this money for you in that way?—He did so whether he knew me or not.

22,052. You do not mean to tell us you do not know his name?—I do not.

22,053. Do you mean to swear that you do not know his name?—I do. I have called him O'Leary and Obadiah. I have said, "Well, my Obadiah, are you going off this morning," and he has said, "Yes, I think I will go off and have a spin," and he would go off in one of my boats.

22,054. Was O'Leary his name?—No.

22,055. Then why did you call him O'Leary?—Just the same as I have called across the street to others anything that comes across my mind.

22,056. Why should you fix upon O'Leary if that was not his name?—I have often called others O'Leary.

22,057. (*Mr. Jeune.*) How do you know it was not his name if you do not know his name?—I cannot say.

22,058. I can understand nicknames, such as Dick and Harry, but why should you call a man O'Leary if you did not think it was his name, or know anything about his name?—You would very frequently hear me call a man named Larkings, Captain O'Leary.

22,059. Have you seen this man since?—No.

22,060. Where do you say he stayed when he was

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here?—I do not know whether it was Prospect Place or Victoria Town, but somewhere up there; he used to come down to the boats, and I never went down to his house; he was a gentleman.

22,061. Had he a family here, or was he alone?—He was alone.

22,062. (*Mr. Holl.*) It certainly strikes me as very singular, because in a matter of this kind you would not have been likely to intrude yourself or ask anybody to do such a thing unless you were very intimate with him, nor would he have been likely to do it for you unless he was very intimate with you; it certainly seems very extraordinary and very difficult to believe that you do not know his name?—I do not. When I was at the "Fountain" I had people come down there year after year, they have slept in my long room, and I did not know their names.

22,063. People sleeping in your long room is nothing to the point, except that it proves to me that you were on friendly and intimate terms with this gentleman, and it makes it the more singular that you should not know his name?—I never asked the question.

22,064. This gentleman you say was in the habit of coming to Deal for some years?—For three or four years he has been in the habit of coming.

22,065. Did you not have the curiosity to ascertain what his name was?—No, I never made myself so bold as to ask the question. He always paid for the boats he hired, and anything that I did for him.

22,066. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where did he come from was he a London man?—I cannot say. I never asked him that.

22,067. Used you to go out in the boats with him?—No.

22,068. He went out by himself?—No, sometimes he would take a boatman with him, sometimes we have four, or five, or six to work the boats for us.

22,069. When did you first ask him to pay this money for you?—Four or five days before the polling day came off.

22,070. What was he down here for then?—I cannot say what he was down for. He came down here, I suppose, the same as before, on a freak to spend his holiday.

22,071. What did you say to him?—I said, "Would you mind distributing this money for me." He asked

me what for, and I said, "It is 3*l.* each man for their "vote," and he handed me the signatures of each man that received the money.

22,072. How did he know which men were to have it?—Either me or Mr. Rea was at the door; we should be either at the bottom or the top.

22,073. And you put him inside?—Yes.

22,074. Why did you ask him to have anything to do with it?—Because I knew nobody knew him about Deal, and in fact I did not know him myself.

22,075. But you were at the door?—Yes, I knew the people myself. I should not let the men go up without I knew them.

22,076. What object was there in putting a stranger there at all; why did you do it?—That I cannot answer.

22,077. You were at the door, and everybody you bribed there knew you were the person bribing them?—I knew the persons as they came in, and they promised me their votes for Crompton Roberts, and I told them there would be 3*l.* according to Mr. Hughes words.

22,078. What did you put the stranger there at all for?—To pay the money.

22,079. Why did you not pay it yourself?—Because there might be a spy in the camp come in at the time, and I knew the people better than Mr. Rea did.

22,080. You were at the door all the time?—Yes.

22,081. And if a spy came in he would have seen you there?—As it turned out.

22,082. Do you mean to say really you do not know who the person was?—No, I do not know his name, but I know his face well.

22,083. Has he ever been here since?—No.

22,084. You say you promised these people money for their votes, when had you done that?—I told them they should have 3*l.*

22,085. How long before the election was that?—It might have been four or five days, to the best of my recollection.

22,086. You say you told them that they should have it as Mr. Hughes had told you; when had he told you that they should have 3*l.* apiece?—About that time, four or five days before the election. When the other money was flying about on the other side they were saying they could get 5*l.*, and I said, "Here is 3*l.* safe."

22,087. Mr. Hughes told you they should have 3*l.* apiece four or five days before the election?—Yes.

E. Rea.

EDWARD REA recalled and further examined.

22,088. (*Mr. Holl.*) Can you tell us who this stranger was?—No, it was somebody Mr. Porter sent. I drew the money from Mr. Olds, and everybody gave a receipt for it.

22,089. Did you talk to the stranger?—No, I had nothing to do with him.

22,090. Did you see them?—Yes. There were printed receipts that the men had to sign their names to, and that is what was delivered up to Mr. Olds, and they all got destroyed.

22,091. There were printed receipts, were there; how many would there be?—I do not know how many at all, but if you have got the strike lists you can see it exactly.

22,092. How many printed receipts did you have given to you?—I might have 40 or 50, and over.

22,093. How did the receipt run?—"Received of "Mr. Rea for services rendered"; that is all, and they just signed their name or put their cross to it.

22,094. Did you give the receipts to the stranger?—No, I took the receipts.

22,095. You took them from the people?—Yes, they delivered them to me, and I delivered them to Mr. Olds.

22,096. You took the receipts?—Yes.

22,097. These men were told they were to get the money?—The money was lying upon the table, but they were not told what it was for; they were told that they would have 3*l.*, and on the receipt it was "for services rendered."

22,098. And as they went out they handed you the receipt?—Yes. If you look at the strike lists you will see everyone against my number as having received the bribe. Then I may say with regard to the gentleman we were speaking about, Mr. Job, he owns to having received the 3*l.* He wished me to state that he will not be able to attend the Court, as he has gone down channel with a vessel, but he owns that he had 3*l.* from me, which you will see in the strike list.

22,099. All the receipts you say went back to Mr. Olds, and they were destroyed?—Yes, and a list as well, corresponding with the receipts.

G. Phillips.

GEORGE PHILLIPS sworn and examined.

22,100. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—I am a retired tradesman.

22,101. Where do you live?—12, Gladstone Road.

22,102. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,103. Who from?—Mr. Wise.

22,104. Anything else?—No.

22,105. Was that for your vote?—Yes, it was, no doubt.

22,106. Did you get nothing more?—No.

J. H. Pott.

JOHN HENRY POTT sworn and examined.

22,107. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A paper-hanger.

22,108. Where do you live?—Union Street.

22,109. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,110. From whom?—At the "Fountain."

22,111. Anything else?—No.

22,112. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I believe so.

RICHARD CHARLES PRESCOTT sworn and examined.

R. C. Prescott

22,113. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carman.
 22,114. Where do you live?—Blenheim Road.
 22,115. What did you receive?—3*l.*
 22,116. From whom?—At the “New Inn.”

22,117. Who gave it to you there?—A man of the name of Croft, the waiter.
 22,118. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 22,119. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

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HENRY REDDING sworn and examined.

H. Redding.

22,120. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A seaman.
 22,121. Where do you live?—8, Griffin Street.
 22,122. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,123. From whom?—Mr. Henry Spears.
 22,124. Anything else?—No.
 22,125. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

JAMES RICHES sworn and examined.

J. Riches.

22,126. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 22,127. Where do you live?—Griffin Street.
 22,128. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,129. From whom?—From Mr. George Philpotts.
 22,130. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 22,131. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

JAMES BRYANT ROBERTS sworn and examined.

J. B. Roberts.

22,132. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A mariner.
 22,133. Where do you live?—Beach Street, North End.
 22,134. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,135. From whom?—Mr. Wise.
 22,136. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 22,137. That was for your vote?—Yes.

HENRY WILLIAM MACKIE sworn and examined.

H. W. Mackie.

22,138. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—3, Guildford Road, now, formerly 9, Farrier Street.

22,139. What did you receive?—5*l.*, for a committee-room.

22,140. What is your house?—The “Horse and Farrier.”

22,141. You received 5*l.* for a room?—Yes, and for placarding the house.

22,142. Was your room used at all?—I cannot say, because I was out all day long.

22,143. Are you a married man?—No.

22,144. Who takes care of the house while you are away?—My sisters.

22,145. Did they tell you whether it was used?—No, and I did not ask them.

22,146. You do not know whether it was used?—I have seen people in there.

22,147. Did you receive anything else?—Yes, I received 3*l.* from William Mackie.

22,148. For your vote?—Yes.

22,149. Did you receive anything else?—No.

ISAAC MANNING sworn and examined.

I. Manning.

22,150. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A waterman.
 22,151. Where do you live?—141, Beach Street, now, but I used to live at 15, Farrier Street.
 22,152. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,153. From whom?—Robert Jones, of the “Sidney Smith.”

22,154. Did you receive anything else?—No.

22,155. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

GEORGE MEAKINGS sworn and examined.

G. Meakings.

22,156. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A baker.
 22,157. Where do you live?—5, South Street.
 22,158. What did you receive?—3*l.* 13*s.*

22,159. From whom?—From Mr. Marsh of the “Port Arms,” and I am one of the bold 42.

22,160. Who gave it to you?—I fetched it myself.

22,161. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing.

HENRY MILLARD sworn and examined.

H. Millard.

22,162. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Out of work.

22,162*a.* Where do you live?—Middle Street.

22,163. What did you receive?—I received 3*l.*

22,164. From whom?—Henry Spears.

22,165. Did you receive anything else?—Yes. I received 3*l.* from a little dark man.

22,166. Was that at the “Fountain”?—No.

22,167. Do you not know who it was?—No. It was for services rendered at the pier for the regatta at the time. There was extra work, and there was 3*l.* divided amongst four people.

22,168. Did you get only 15*s.*?—I got 1*l.*, and another got 1*l.*, and two others got 10*s.* each.

22,169. Was the 3*l.* for your vote?—No. I voted two days before I got it.

22,170. What was it for?—It was knocking about, and so I had it.

22,171. Who gave it to you, do you say?—Henry Spears.

22,172. Had you been promised it before?—No; I had never been canvassed.

JOHN NOBLE sworn and examined.

J. Noble.

22,173. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carrier.
 22,174. Where do you live?—28, Wellington Road.
 22,175. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,176. From whom?—Mr. Wise.

22,177. Did you receive anything else?—No.

22,178. Was that for your vote?—I believe so.

JOHN ROBERTS sworn and examined.

J. Roberts.

22,179. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A cordwainer.
 22,180. Where do you live?—No. 1, Foster's Alley.

22,181. How much did you receive?—3*l.*

22,182. From whom?—Mr. William Brown, waterman.

22,183. Where did he get it?—I know not.

22,184. Did he not tell you where he got it from?—I think he told me he got it from Riley.

22,185. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

22,186. Was that for your vote?—Yes; that was for my vote.

22,187. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Was that Alexander Riley that Brown mentioned to you?—I do not know which Riley it was.

22,188. Where does Mr. William Brown, from whom you got the money, live?—I do not know the number, but he lives in the Lower Road as you go down to the North End.

22,189. What is he?—A boatman; a channel pilot.

22,190. Is it called the Lower Road?—I thought so, but I am told it is called the High Street.

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22,191. (*Mr. Turner.*) Where do you live?—Robert Street.
 22,192. What are you?—A blacksmith.
 22,193. What did you receive?—Nothing.
 22,194. Were you not promised anything?—No.
 22,195. Nor canvassed?—Yes.
 22,196. Did you vote?—Yes.

— NEWING sworn and examined.

22,197. Did you receive nothing on account of the election in any way?—No.
 22,198. Money or anything else?—No.
 22,199. who canvassed you?—Sir Julian.
 22,200. Anybody else?—Mr. Haines came one evening.
 22,201. Mr. Councillor Haines?—Yes.
 22,202. Did he offer you anything?—No.

G. Wanstall.

GEORGE WANSTALL sworn and examined.

22,203. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carrier.
 22,204. Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 22,205. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,206. From whom?—Mr. Wise.
 22,207. Anything else?—No.
 22,208. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

W. Rouse.

WILLIAM ROUSE sworn and examined.

22,209. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A gardener.
 22,210. Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 22,211. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,212. From whom?—Mr. Wise.
 22,213. Anything else?—No, that is all.
 22,214. It was for your vote?—Yes.

H. T. Sayer.

HENRY THOMAS SAYER sworn and examined.

22,215. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—Chief officer of the Coastguard.
 22,216. Where do you live?—6, Victoria Road.
 22,217. What did you receive?—Nothing.
 22,218. Were you canvassed at all?—My name was taken, but I did not give any authority for taking it.

22,219. You gave no promise for your vote?—No.
 22,220. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Who took your name?—Woodward the butcher.
 22,221. You had nothing on any account?—No, nothing at all.

C. Scovell.

CHARLES SCOVELL sworn and examined.

22,222. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A seaman.
 22,223. Where do you live?—Griffin Street.
 22,224. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,225. From whom?—Henry Spears.
 22,226. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 22,227. Was it for your vote?—Yes.

R. Skardon.

ROBERT SKARDON sworn and examined.

22,228. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A carman.
 22,229. Where do you live?—19, Nelson Street.
 22,230. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,231. From whom?—Mr. Wise.
 22,232. Anything else?—No.
 22,233. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

G. E. Simmons.

GEORGE EDWARD SIMMONS sworn and examined.

22,234. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 22,235. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 22,236. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,237. From whom?—Mr. Wood.
 22,238. Did you get anything else?—No.
 22,239. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

W. Conley.

WILLIAM CONLEY sworn and examined.

22,240. (*Mr. Turner.*) Are you a butcher, close here in High Street?—Yes.

22,241. Did you receive any money at the election?—Yes.

22,242. How much?—9*l.*

22,243. From whom?—Mr. Olds.

22,244. What for?—To give to other people.

22,245. Have you a list of the people to whom you gave it?—Yes, I have. There are three, to whom I gave 3*l.* each.

22,246. Finnis, J. Smith, and Jennings. Do you know Finnis's Christian name?—No; there are several Finnis's, but I think he has been examined.

22,247. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

22,248. You had nothing for yourself?—No, I never did, and I have voted the same way for 25 years. I took these people to Mr. Olds, and he gave them the money. I had no money really at all.

22,249. It was upon the morning of the election?—Yes.

22,250. Is it J. Smith of Union Street?—Yes, I think so, but I would not be certain, because there are several Smiths upon the list. He works for Mr. Gibbins, the carpenter.

22,251. Is that all you had to do with the election?—Yes. They took the money from Mr. Olds.

W. B. Friend.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN FRIEND sworn and examined.

22,252. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 22,253. Where do you live?—Exchange Street.
 22,254. What did you receive?—3*l.*

22,255. From whom?—Thomas Adams.
 22,256. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.
 22,257. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

C. Smith.

CLEMENT SMITH sworn and examined.

22,258. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 22,259. Where do you live?—No. 7, Gravel Walk.
 22,260. What did you receive?—4*l.*

22,261. From whom?—Frederick Hobday.
 22,262. What was that for?—My vote.
 22,263. Did you receive anything else?—No.

S. J. Solly.

STEPHEN JOHN SOLLY sworn and examined.

22,264. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A cordwainer.
 22,265. Where do you live?—3, Wolseley Terrace.
 22,266. What did you receive?—I think these accounts (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*) have been in before.
 22,267. Have you been examined before?—No.

22,268. Have we had this paper before?—No, but parties who paid me produced the receipts before.

22,269. According to this you received 30*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*?—Yes.

22,270. Three pounds for your vote from Mr. Hayman?—Yes.

22,271. 3*l*. 18*s*. from Mr. Hughes for canvassing?—Yes.
 22,272. Was that Mr. Edwin Hughes?—Yes.
 22,273. And 18*l*. 12*s*. from Mr. Usher for rosettes?—
 Yes.
 22,274. And 5*l*. 5*s*. from Mr. Chapman for rosettes?—
 Yes.
 22,275. Did you make those rosettes?—My wife is a

dressmaker and she and the people in the house made them.

S. J. Solly.

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22,276. You received 3*l*. for your vote?—Yes.

22,277. How many rosettes did you supply Mr. Usher with for the 18*l*. 12*s*.?—I cannot tell from memory but Mr. Usher gave a statement of the number. They were made to order.

WILLIAM WHEATLEY sworn and examined.

W. Wheatley.

22,278. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A bootmaker.
 22,279. Where do you live?—193, Middle Street.
 22,280. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 22,281. From whom?—Mr. Rea at the "Fountain."

22,282. Did you give a receipt for it?—Yes, for the 3*l*.

22,283. Did you get anything else?—No.

22,284. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

ALBERT STOKES sworn and examined.

A. Stokes.

22,285. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A painter.
 22,286. Where do you live?—170, Middle Street.
 22,287. What did you receive?—3*l*.

22,288. From whom?—A gentleman at the "Fountain."

22,289. Did you receive anything else?—No.

22,290. Was it for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.

GEORGE STUNT sworn and examined.

G. Stunt.

22,291. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A bricklayer.
 22,292. Where do you live?—Cambridge Road, Lower Walmer.
 22,293. What did you receive?—3*l*.

22,294. From whom?—Mr. Barnes.

22,295. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

22,296. Did you receive anything else?—No.

RICHARD THOMPSON sworn and examined.

R. Thompson.

22,297. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A carpenter.
 22,298. Where do you live?—133, Beach Street.
 22,299. What did you get at the election?—3*l*.

22,300. From whom?—Henry Spears.

22,301. For your vote?—Yes.

22,302. Did you receive anything else?—No.

GEORGE THURLOW sworn and examined.

G. Thurlow.

22,303. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—I am living independent.
 22,304. Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 22,305. What did you receive?—Nothing.
 22,306. Were you promised anything?—No.
 22,307. Were you canvassed?—Yes.

22,308. By whom?—Mr. Wise.

22,309. Did you receive anything at all in any way?—Nothing.

22,310. (Mr. Jeune.) Did Wise offer you anything?—No.

JOHN TRINDER sworn and examined.

J. Trinder.

22,311. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A labourer.
 22,312. Where do you live?—The Cemetery.
 22,313. What did you receive at the election?—3*l*.

22,314. From whom?—Benjamin Wood.

22,315. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

22,316. Anything else?—No.

CHARLES EDWIN VERSTAGE sworn and examined.

C.E. Verstage.

22,317. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A cordwainer.
 22,318. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 22,319. What did you receive?—3*l*.

22,320. From whom?—Benjamin Wood.

22,321. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

22,322. Did you receive anything else?—No.

FRANK WHITNALL sworn and examined.

F. Whitall.

22,323. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A florist.
 22,324. Where do you live?—3, St. Andrew's Road.
 22,325. What did you receive?—3*l*.

22,326. From whom?—Mr. Mackie.

22,327. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

22,328. Did you receive anything else?—No.

JOHN ORRICK WELLARD sworn and examined.

J. O. Wellard.

22,329. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A hairdresser.
 22,330. Where do you live?—Beach Street.
 22,331. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 22,332. From whom?—A stranger, but no doubt Mr. Porter would know; he came with Mr. Porter. I had never seen the gentleman before.

22,333. What sort of looking man was he?—I only saw him about five minutes so I could not tell you.

22,334. Was he short or tall, or fair or dark?—Rather tall. I can remember that, that is all I know.

22,335. It was for your vote, I suppose?—I judged so.

22,336. Did you receive anything else?—No.

ROBERT WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

R. Williams.

22,337. (Mr. Turner.) What are you?—A labourer.
 22,338. Where do you live?—12, Peter Street.
 22,339. What did you receive at the election?—3*l*.
 22,340. From whom?—Benjamin Wood.
 22,341. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 22,342. Did you receive anything else?—Yes.
 22,343. What?—2*l*. 10*s*. from Mr. Ralph.

22,344. What is he?—A publican.

22,345. What for, your vote?—I suppose so.

22,346. Did you receive anything else?—No.

22,347. (Mr. Holl.) You had two amounts, one yellow and the other blue?—Yes.

22,348. Which way did you vote?—I voted red.

D. Williams.

DANIEL WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

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22,349. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A painter.
 22,350. Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 22,351. What did you receive?—Nothing.
 22,352. Were you promised anything?—Well, they said there would be something for me, but I never had anything.

22,353. Who said that?—Benjamin Wood.
 22,354. Did you ask for something?—No.
 22,355. Do you not still expect it?—I do not now.
 22,356. But you never had anything?—No.
 22,357. Nothing at all?—No.

H. T. Wood.

HERBERT THOMAS WOOD sworn and examined.

22,358. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A bootmaker.
 22,359. Where do you live?—186, High Street.
 22,360. What did you receive at the election?—3*l*.

22,361. From whom?—Mackie.
 22,362. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 22,363. Anything else did you receive?—Nothing else.

J. Woodcock.

JOHN WOODCOCK sworn and examined.

22,364. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A baker.
 22,365. Where do you live?—60, Middle Street.
 22,366. What did you receive?—3*l*.
 22,367. Who from?—Eastman.
 22,368. Was that for your vote?—Yes.

22,369. Did you receive anything else?—No.
 22,370. What is Eastman?—A pilot.
 (*Mr. Mackie.*) I gave Eastman the money to give to Woodcock.
 (*Mr. Holl.*) Very well.

C. Hobbs.

CHARLES HOBBS sworn and examined.

22,371. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A sawyer.
 22,372. Where do you live?—31, Nelson Street.
 22,373. What did you receive?—3*l*.

22,374. Who from?—Philpot.
 22,375. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 22,376. Did you receive anything else?—No.

T. Marsh.

THOMAS MARSH sworn and examined.

22,377. (*Mr. Turner.*) What are you?—A labourer.
 22,378. Where do you live?—Middle Deal.
 22,379. What did you receive?—3*l*.

22,380. From whom?—Wise.
 22,381. For your vote?—Yes.
 22,382. Anything else?—No.

[The proceedings were adjourned for a short time.]

E. Rea.

EDWARD REA recalled and further examined.

22,383. (*Mr. Holl.*) I think you and Mr. Olds went and had an interview with Mr. Hughes at Canterbury?—Yes.

22,384. Tell us shortly what took place at that interview?—It was only a question asked him about this money going across to the continent.

22,385. Who spoke?—Mr. Olds asked Mr. Hughes if he knew anything about this money going across to the Continent. Mr. Olds, Mr. Hughes, and myself were all three together. It was the time the petition was on—a Saturday morning, but I cannot give the date. Mr. Olds asked me if I would go over, and I said, "I do not mind, Sam. I will go over with you and meet Mr. Hughes." He came from London or New Cross. We met him at Canterbury, and Olds says, "Do you know anything about this money going across to the Continent to Calais?" and Hughes said, "I know nothing at all about it;" and Sam said, "You mean to say it will not be brought forward?" and then his answer was, "No, nothing is known about the money."

22,386. Wait a minute. Do not go so fast. Olds asked him if he knew anything about the money going across to the Continent?—Yes.

22,387. What did Hughes say?—Hughes said, "I know nothing at all about it."

22,388. What did Olds say then?—I think Olds said, "We shall be all right." They had a few minutes together privately. He said, "If we go back we can cut the list down; that will just bring the money right."

22,389. Who said that?—Olds said that.

22,390. Did Mr. Hughes say anything?—Hughes had a few words with him privately; they had a little private conversation.

22,391. (*Mr. Turner.*) When Olds said, "We will cut the list," to whom did he say it?—He said it to me at the meeting.

22,392. (*Mr. Holl.*) Was that said before Hughes?—I do not know. Olds said, when we left Mr. Hughes, "Now we are all right and can cut the list down."

22,393. Was that after having some conversation with Mr. Hughes?—Yes.

22,394. It was then he said you could cut the list down?—Yes, and then I went back from Canterbury. Mr. Hughes said, "There is a registered letter waiting for me at the 'Royal Hotel,'" and he said, "Do you mind going to fetch it for me." I went there and met him again at Canterbury when he was going back to

town. He took one of Mr. Robert's cards and he went on the back to deliver up this registered letter to me and bring it him at Canterbury. The next interview we had with Mr. Hughes was on the day the strike list was put in. I went up to London with Olds and we went to London down to Woolwich and met Mr. Hughes at his office—me and Olds. There was conversation for some time passed between him and Hughes in his private office and then I was called in. They talked, and he asked him, "Have you got anything relating to the election to show anything?" he says, "Yes;" and he turned an iron box out and said, "I have one paper here relating to it and you can have it; it is no use to me;" and Mr. Olds said, "Is that all you have got?" and he said, "Yes"; and that was the day before the election petition, and that is all I know about it. Nothing else passed between us. What was said between them I do not know.

22,395. Was anything said by anybody about destroying documents or vouchers?—It was by the committee so that nothing could be seen.

22,396. Was anything said at that interview with Hughes about destroying papers?—It was not with Hughes; it was at a committee meeting we held ourselves that it was decided to destroy every receipt.

22,397. (*Mr. Turner.*) Who do you mean by "ourselves"?—Well, Mr. Mackie and other gentlemen, and it was proposed then to destroy everything.

22,398. (*Mr. Holl.*) Was anything said by anybody either of the interviews you had with Hughes as to destroying documents?—No, only "Thomas is here," and Mr. Hughes said to Thomas, "We have had a flare up here for two days destroying papers."

22,399. Do not talk so fast. Hughes said to Thomas what?—That we had had a flare up for two days.

22,400. Did he say what was the cause of the flare up?—Destroying papers relating to the election, and called his clerk to confirm him; and he turned out his box and said, "That is the only one I have got relating to it."

22,401. (*Mr. Turner.*) When was that?—On the day before the strike lists were put in.

22,402. (*Mr. Holl.*) He said there had been a flare up?—Yes, put them on the fire.

22,403. A flare up in his office?—Yes.

22,404. Did he say he had burnt the papers or vouchers in connexion with the election?—Yes.

22,405. And something he showed you was all he had

left?—Yes, something with writing on it. I never saw it. Olds took charge of it, and I suppose he has it now. I do not know what was on it.

22,406. Was that all that took place?—That is all that took place in my hearing, but they had private conversations at Canterbury and London by themselves.

22,407. Which you did not hear?—No. I was waiting in the other office.

22,408. You had a meeting afterwards here amongst yourselves?—The night we came home.

22,409. You were present?—Yes.

22,410. And Mr. Olds?—Yes.

22,411. And the others who had been connected with the distribution of the money?—Yes.

22,412. Give me their names?—I could not give you their names.

22,413. Give as many as you can remember?—One Mr. Spears was there, Mackie was there, Porter and I was there.

22,414. Which Mr. Spears?—Henry Spears, and Robert Jones, Bushell, Solomon, Hayman, and Wise. I think Wood was there too, and Wilds was there.

22,415. Evans?—No.

22,416. J. J. Ralph?—No.

22,417. Was License there?—No, he had nothing to do with it.

22,418. Philps?—No.

22,419. Now what took place?—Only just that it was mentioned we were to cut the list down so as to take money off.

22,420. It was arranged you were to cut the list down?—Yes; so as to keep this money that went across to the Continent to Calais, out of sight; and that is the reason why the list is cut down.

22,421. (Mr. Turner.) Olds was at this meeting you say?—Yes; most decidedly.

22,422. (Mr. Holl.) Did Olds say anything about seeing Mr. Hughes at this meeting?—There was nothing mentioned only at this meeting.

22,423. You say nothing was mentioned except at the meeting; tell us what was said at the meeting?—There was nothing said at the meeting at all only that we had seen Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Hughes did not know anything about this money, therefore that this money was to be put on one side, and we was to cut the list down as well as we could.

22,424. (Mr. Turner.) Who proposed that?—It was proposed in the room by Mr. Olds. Of course I cannot say whether Mr. Hughes said so to Mr. Olds.

22,425. But Olds proposed it?—Yes.

22,425a. (Mr. Holl.) What had taken place between Olds and Hughes you do not know?—No.

22,426. Is there anything more you can remember?—I do not think I can tell you anything more. I have told you everything as straightforward as ever I can.

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ABRAHAM WALKER HARE sworn and examined.

A. W. Hare.

22,427. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—St. Andrew's Road.

22,428. What is your occupation?—A gardener.

22,429. What did you receive at the election?—Well, an old man named Reynolds gave me 3*l.* a month after the election.

22,430. Was that for the vote you had given?—I do not know what it was for, I did not ask him, I suppose it was.

22,431. You do not think it was for anything else?—No.

22,432. Was that all you got?—Yes, that was all.

WILLIAM JORDAN sworn and examined.

W. Jordan.

22,433. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—North End.

22,434. What is your occupation?—A bricklayer.

22,435. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

22,436. Who from?—Mr. Wise of Middle Deal.

22,437. That was for your vote, of course?—Yes.

22,438. Did you get anything else?—No.

WILLIAM JOHN MACEY sworn and examined.

W. J. Macey.

22,439. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—Holly Cottage.

22,440. What is your occupation?—A labourer.

22,441. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

22,442. Who from?—Mr. Bales.

22,443. That was for your vote, I suppose?—I suppose it was.

22,444. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

ALEXANDER RICHARD ORRICK sworn and examined.

A. R. Orrick.

22,445. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—2, Victoria Cottages, Middle Deal.

22,446. What is your occupation?—A bricklayer.

22,447. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

22,448. Who from?—J. Wise, Middle Deal.

22,449. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.

22,450. Was that all you received?—That is all.

EDWARD PETTET sworn and examined.

E. Pettet.

22,451. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—1, Primrose Hill.

22,452. What is your occupation?—A carter.

22,453. What did you receive at the election?—4*l.*

22,454. From whom?—Mr. Outwin.

22,455. That was for your vote, I suppose?—Yes, I

suppose it was, although it did not influence my vote; it would have been the same anyhow.

22,456. (Mr. Turner.) But you did have it for your vote?—Yes.

22,457. (Mr. Jeune.) Did you get anything else?—No.

JOHN LAWRENCE PRESCOTT sworn and examined.

J. L. Prescott.

22,458. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—63, Middle Street.

22,459. What is your occupation?—A bricklayer.

22,460. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

22,461. From whom?—Rea and Porter.

22,462. That was for your vote?—I suppose so.

22,463. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing else.

WILLIAM ROMNEY sworn and examined.

W. Romney.

22,464. (Mr. Jeune.) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.

22,465. What is your occupation?—A gardener.

22,466. What did you receive at the election?—3*l.*

22,467. Who from?—Mr. Woods.

22,468. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

22,469. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

H. Sands.

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HENRY SANDS sworn and examined.

- 22,470. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Upper Deal.
 22,471. What is your occupation?—A carpenter.
 22,472. Did you get anything at the election?—No.
 22,473. Nothing at all?—No.
 22,474. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Nethersole.
 22,475. Did he promise you anything?—No.
 22,476. Did nobody else canvass you?—Mr. Outwin.
 22,477. Did Mr. Outwin suggest that there would be something to be got?—No, we had but very few words together.
 22,478. Did you promise to vote for him?—No, I promised my vote.

- 22,479. To the other side?—I promised my vote when Mr. Outwin called.
 22,480. You had promised Mr. Nethersole?—Yes.
 22,481. When you promised Mr. Nethersole your vote did he tell you there would be anything to be got?—Nothing at all.
 22,482. Did you tell Mr. Outwin when he came to you that you had promised your vote?—I did.
 22,483. And did not he say there would be something to be got, and you would think better of it, or anything of that kind?—Nothing of the sort.

W. Sneller.

WILLIAM SNELLER sworn and examined.

- 22,484. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—168, Beach Street.
 22,485. What is your occupation?—A waterman.
 22,486. What did you receive at the election?—3*l*.
 22,487. From whom?—George Grigg.
 22,488. Was that for your vote?—Well, he told me if I stopped ashore he would give me 3*l*. if I voted for Mr. Crompton Roberts.

- 22,489. Did you get anything else?—No, my son is at sea.
 22,490. William Sneller, of 6, Dolphin Street; is that your son?—Yes, he is at sea.
 22,491. Did he get anything, do you know?—Yes, he received just the same as I did, off the same man.

S. Spicer.

STEPHEN SPICER sworn and examined.

- 22,492. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—Stafford Terrace.
 22,493. What is your occupation?—A groom.
 22,494. What did you receive at the election?—3*l*.

- 22,495. Who from?—Mr. Porter.
 22,496. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.
 22,497. Was that all you got?—That is all.

J. F. Solly.

JOHN FARLEY SOLLY sworn and examined.

- 22,498. (*Mr. Jeune.*) Where do you live?—7, Wellington Road.
 22,499. What is your occupation?—A house decorator, master tradesman.
 22,500. Did you receive anything at the election?—Nothing at all.
 22,501. Nothing at all?—Neither directly nor indirectly.
 22,502. Who canvassed you?—No one.
 22,503. Not on either side?—No.
 22,504. Did you vote?—I did.
 22,505. And nobody called on you?—Several called; I did not happen to be at home.

- 22,506. You did not see them?—No.
 22,507. And had no conversation with anyone about which way you were going to vote?—No.
 22,508. Or afterwards?—No.
 22,509. Did you take any part in the election yourself?—No.
 22,510. Not at all?—No, not at all; I had my own business to attend to.
 22,511. Very well, we will not trouble you further. May I ask why I have been summoned and my name put down in any list?
 22,512. Ah! that is one of the secrets that we cannot tell you?—Well, I may know some other way. You will not know it from us.

J. Hamilton

JOHN HAMILTON recalled and further examined.

- 22,513. (*Mr. Holl.*) I suppose your father and brother have not come back yet?—No.
 22,514. I do not want you to answer the question unless you like, but we cannot give them their certificates unless they are called and examined, or you can speak for them. Do you know whether they received anything?—Yes.
 22,515. Each of them?—Yes, 3*l*. each.
 22,516. From whom?—From the "New Inn."

- 22,517. Have you authority to say that for them?—Yes.
 22,518. For their votes?—I believe so—the same as 22,519. Then we will give them their certificates. Are they authorised by them to say they received this money?—Well, of course, as I know they did.
 22,520. (*Mr. Turner.*) If they came here they would admit it and say what you have said about it?—Yes.
 22,521. You are sure they would?—Yes; they could not say any other.

J. Simmonds.

JOHN SIMMONDS sworn and examined.

- 22,522. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Letter-carrier and tailor.
 22,523. Where do you live?—30, Middle Street.
 22,524. What did you receive?—I received 3*l*.

- 22,525. From whom?—J. B. Langley.
 22,526. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 22,527. Did you receive anything else?—No.

S. Firminger.

STEPHEN FIRMINGER sworn and examined.

- 22,528. (*Mr. Holl.*) What are you?—Letter-carrier and shoemaker.
 22,529. Where do you live?—5, Nelson Street.
 22,530. What did you receive?—3*l*.

- 22,531. From whom?—From E. H. Firminger, who had it from J. B. Langley.
 22,532. Was that for your vote?—Yes.
 22,533. Did you receive anything else?—No.

Adjourned *sine die*.

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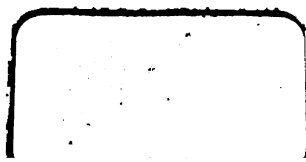
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